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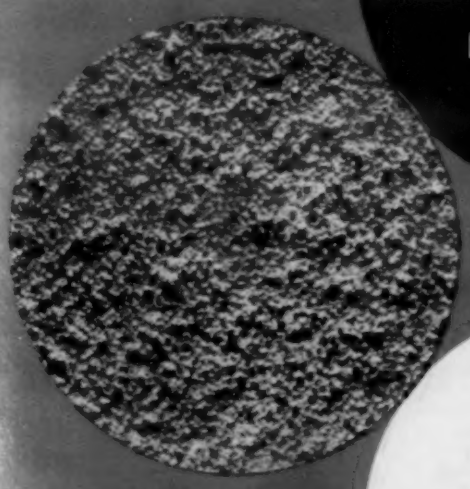

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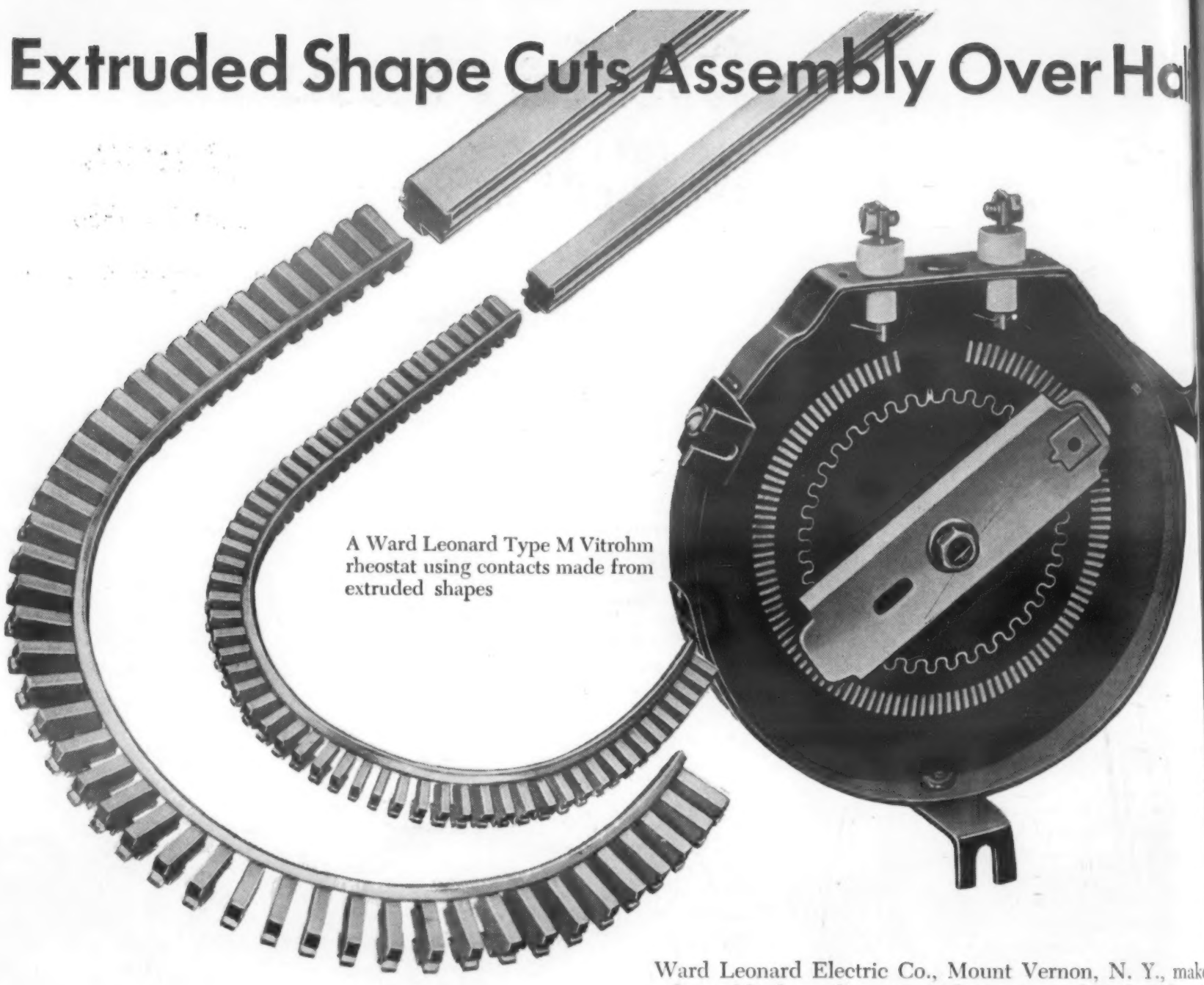
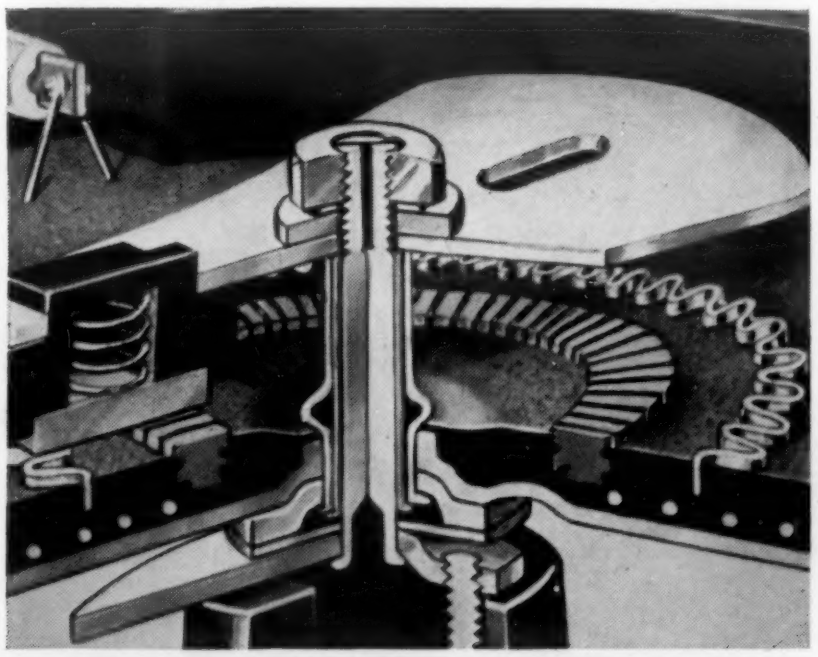


A Ward Leonard Type M Vitrohm rheostat using contacts made from extruded shapes

Ingenious application eliminates hand assembly, makes absolutely uniform stationary contacts in Ward Leonard power rheostats



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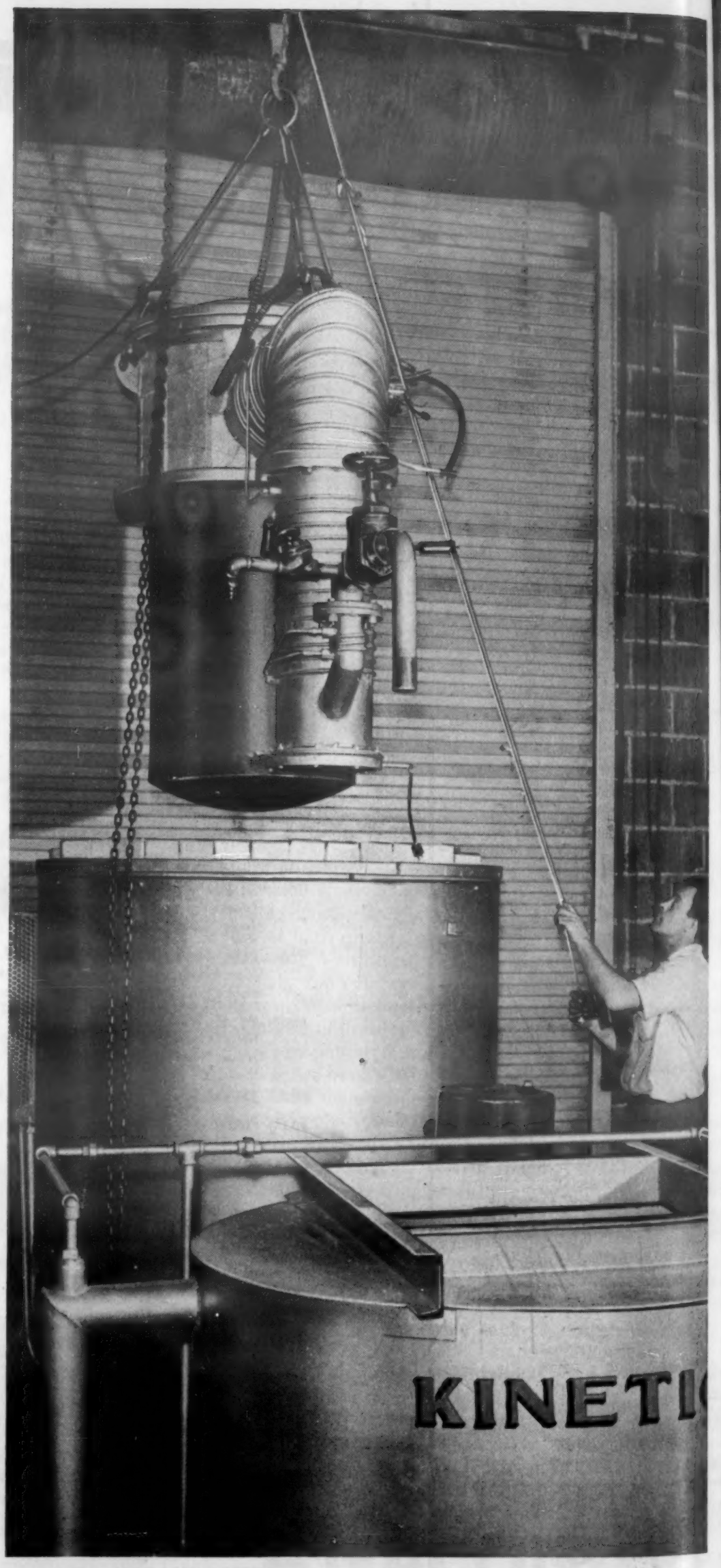

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A URETHANE ELASTOMER is now commercially available in this country. The diisocyanate-polyester elastomer features high tensile strength and good abrasion resistance and aging characteristics, as well as resistance to high ozone concentrations, oil and jet fuels, and irradiation. The elastomer is being custom formed by liquid casting and by injection or compression molding. Its properties make it a likely material for hydraulic applications, particularly for sealing and where abrasion resistance is important.

PRICE OF PRIMARY MAGNESIUM and magnesium products has gone up. The increases bring the price of primary pig to 33¾¢ per lb and primary ingot to 34½¢ per lb, f.o.b. Velasco, Tex. Price of AZ91B die casting alloy was upped 4¢ per lb and most other alloys 3¼¢ per lb. Anodes were boosted 3½¢ per lb. Magnesium mill products, including sheet and extrusions, were increased about 10%.

UNIFORMITY IN VACUUM MELTED ALLOYS is claimed by one of the newest producers, a supplier of specialized alloys for investment casting. On the assumption that batch variations are inevitable when the charge composition varies widely, this company employs vacuum melting only as a remelting step after first air melting to remove most of the gases in the charge metal. Good reproducibility of properties has been achieved, and cost of the initial air melting is offset by a reduction of 25% or more in time needed for the more expensive vacuum melting.

MATCHED-DIE MOLDING of reinforced plastics is improved by a new method which: 1) reduces costs by unique mold construction — one die is stainless sheet backed with rubber and a metal-filled plastic, and the other is a plastic reinforced with structural steel; 2) achieves good surfaces on molded parts by controlling closely the temperature of the stainless steel face, which is heated by electrical resistance; 3) insures uniform distribution of the glass reinforcement by a novel preforming operation; and 4) eliminates voids by applying vacuum to the mold cavity during closure.

BRASS COATINGS ON COSTUME JEWELRY and door knobs can be shiny and long wearing. Additions of sodium orthoaminobenzoate and sodium phenylxanthate to the plating bath have resulted in brass deposits that remain bright up to 0.001 in. The method also cuts plating time by 10%.

RIGID ISOCYANATE FOAM can be used for pipe insulation. Foam insulation is applied by pouring foaming liquid into a form made by securing Mylar film around the pipe to be insulated. After foaming is completed, the Mylar form is stripped away leaving an insulation jacket around the pipe.

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FUTURE SUPPLY OF ZIRCONIUM for atomic reactors will be provided by new plants now being constructed. Stimulus for expanded production facilities was provided by Atomic Energy Commission contracts calling for the delivery of 11 million pounds of the metal over a five year period at a total cost of $75 million. National Distillers Products Corp. is scheduled to supply 1,000,000 lb of zirconium annually; National Research Corp., 700,000 lb; and Carborundum Co., 825,000 lb. National Research reported its price on zirconium as $6.50 per lb.

A MODIFIED ACRYLIC FIBER to be available in commercial quantities this fall is reported to be more fire resistant than any other fibers except glass and asbestos. In addition to the other favorable properties of acrylic fibers, the new material has double the moisture regain of existing acrylics.

COPPER STRIP 0.00025 in. thick is now in commercial production. The strip, 1/12 the thickness of a human hair, can be supplied in widths from ½ to 5 in. and in tolerances as close as ±0.00005 in. The ultra-thin metal permits designing of miniaturized transformers by substituting tape-wound wafer-type coils for the bulkier coils made of magnet wire.

VULCANIZING SILICONE RUBBER by high energy radiation, under study for several years, appears to be getting closer to commercial reality. A large electrical manufacturer has announced details of an experimental process which utilizes two-million-volt electrons to produce a better rubber in 2 sec than conventional methods yield in several hours. Degree of vulcanization is controlled by regulating voltage and exposure time.

A NEW INVESTMENT CASTING METHOD: Blemish-free castings with surface finshes of 20 to 40 microin. are possible with a new investment process. Molds are built up by repeatedly dipping wax patterns into a slurry of silica glass powder. The assembly is then fired at 2200 F, producing a mold with walls ⅛ to ¼ in. thick. Molds can withstand pouring temperatures up to 3300 F.

CORROSION OF METALS in aqueous systems at elevated temperatures and pressures can be measured by a newly developed hydrogen effusion method. This method measures the amount of hydrogen given off during the corrosion reaction, which in turn is a measure of the rate of metal corrosion.

OUTPUT OF PRIMARY COPPER established a new record in 1955. World smelter production rose to 3,325,000 tons, an increase of 9% over 1954. This country accounted for one-third of the world's total. Approximately 90% of the copper smelted in the U.S. came from domestic ores.

Materials BRIEFS

Umbroiler

Aluminized plastic has been used to make a folding solar cooker that looks like an umbrella. The device collects the sun's rays and concentrates them on a grill. Sunshine is the only fuel required for cooking.

Home Grown Rocks

Diamonds are now being successfully produced in a pilot plant operation. If the cost of man-made diamonds can be brought down below the cost of those mined, man-made diamonds could become a $200 million annual business.

Moderation Wins

Colored laminated plastics are bought by Americans in this order: gray, 29%; red and pink, 22%; yellow, 17%; and green, 13%. Red is falling in demand while pink is making the largest gain.

Coffee Break

Efficiency of electrodeposition in a zinc cyanide plating bath is greatly increased by the addition of a small amount of coffee. The presence of coffee is claimed to result in gleaming silvery zinc deposits.

Synthetic Wonderland

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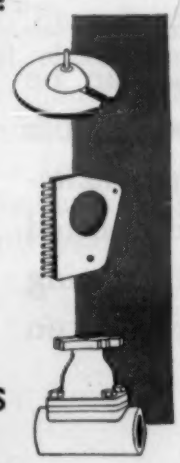

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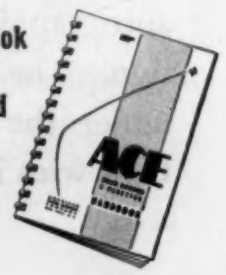

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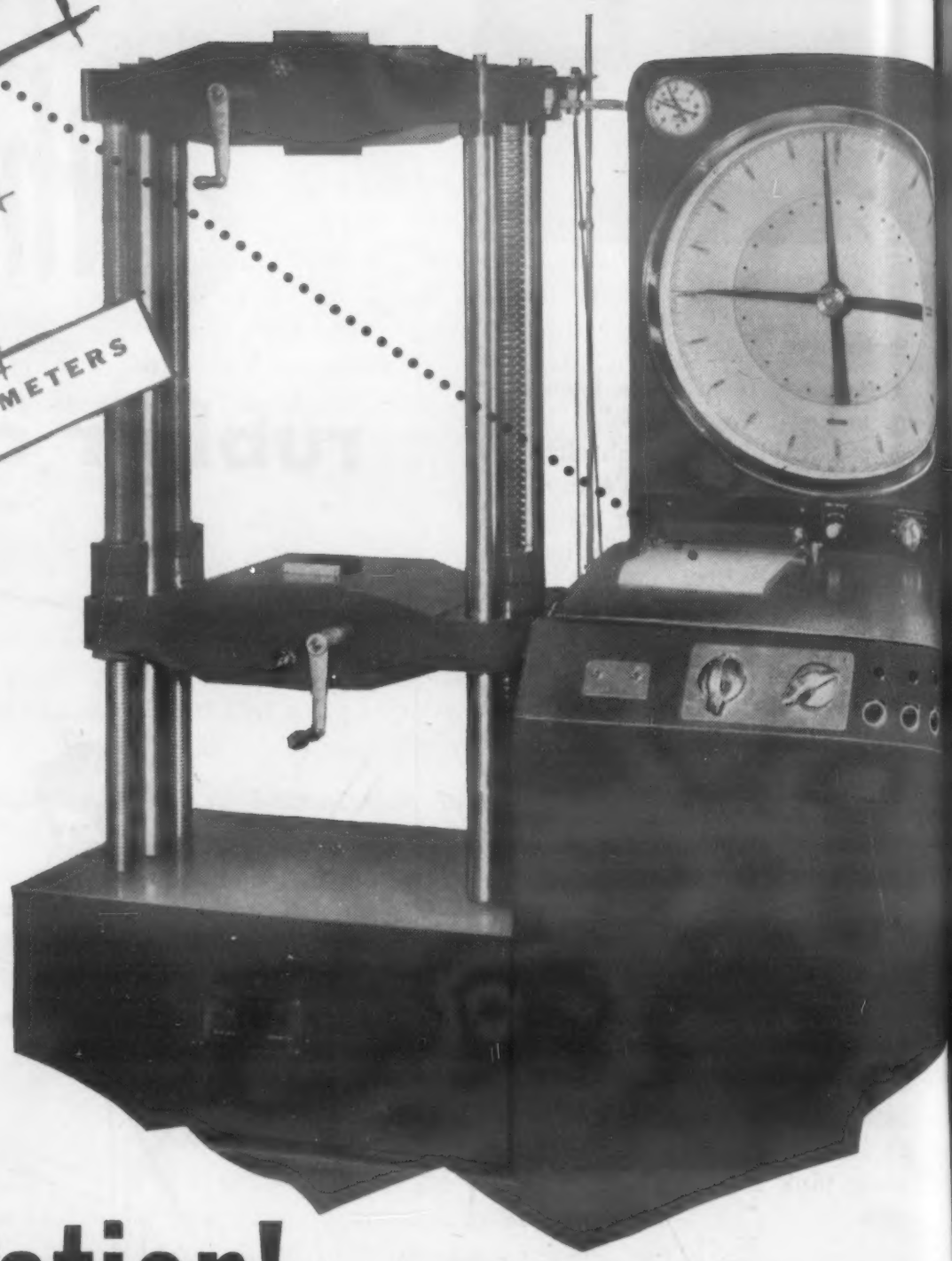

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Connor says:

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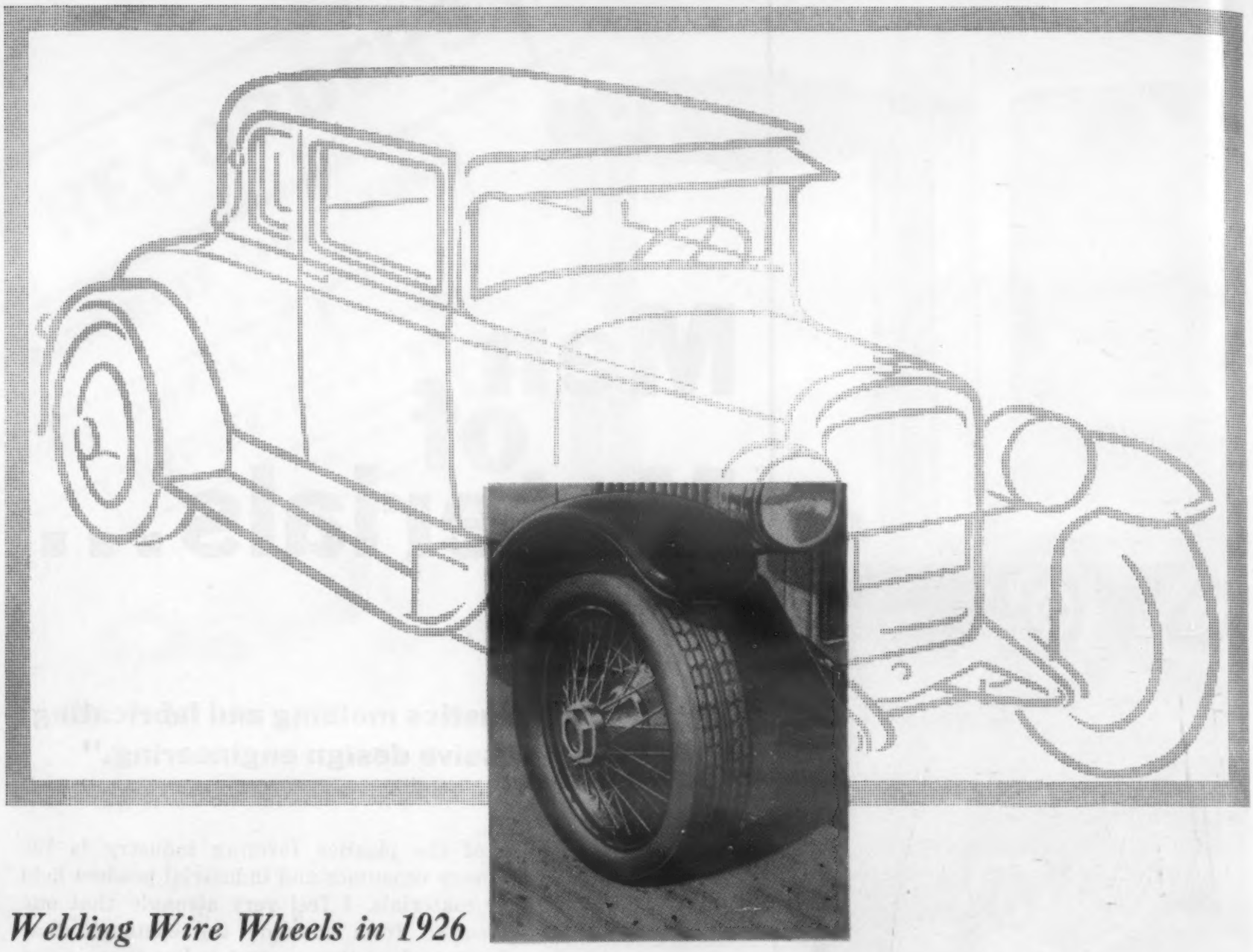
"What constitutes a good application for plastics can be determined only by knowing to what end use the product will be put and designing for that use. We are offering to the product manufacturer one of the most versatile group of materials ever made available—materials that respond to creative engineering and design applications. In fact the growth of the plastic forming industry is testimony that the job can usually be done better and cheaper with plastics.

"Because designs can frequently be produced in one of several plastics or processes, the plastics molding and fabricating industry has evolved into a highly competitive business. This adds up to better engineering service to the consumer. The plastics forming industry stands ready to furnish the product manufacturer with ideas and estimates on the most effective way to apply plastics to his particular product problem or design."



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New Elastomers Laboratory for Research and Development

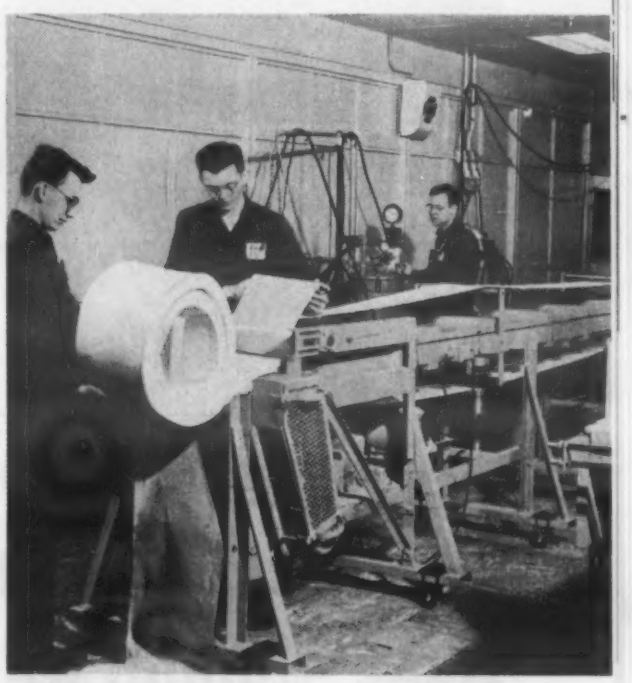
■ The surprisingly rapid acceptance of new materials during the last decade can in many cases be attributed to the aggressive service and development work of materials producers. One approach that is becoming increasingly widespread is the product development and technical service laboratory.

Du Pont's new rubber laboratory is the latest addition to this type of customer service development. The Elastomers Laboratory, located at Du Pont's technical service center at Chestnut Run, is designed to provide service data on neoprene, Hypalon synthetic rubber, Hylene organic isocyanates and rubber chemicals. Many operations in rubber manufacture can be duplicated on a pilot plant scale.

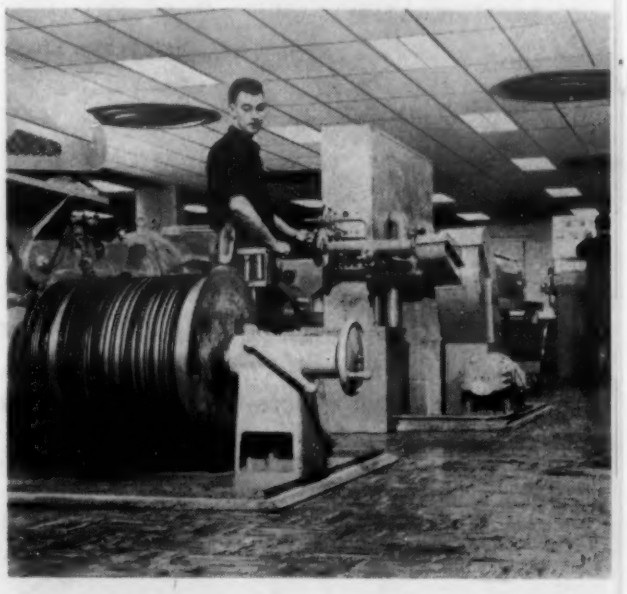
The laboratory is a necessary adjunct to Du Pont's rapidly expanding business in synthetic rubbers and rubber chemicals. The company is currently building a new neoprene plant at Montague, Mich., to add about 25% more production capacity, and a new plant is going up at Beaumont, Tex., to manufacture Hypalon synthetic rubber. The urethane field is also expected to grow in importance, and toward that end Du Pont will produce some 25 million pounds per year of organic isocyanate, one of the intermediates used in polyurethane manufacture.

Separate areas are provided in the Elastomer Laboratory for work on isocyanates, adhesives, paper, dry-polymer processing, latex, physical testing and consumer product testing. The scope of the new laboratory is illustrated by the fact that it is equipped to manufacture tire threads, apply them to carcasses, then cure and test the finished tires.

Other features include: an experimental unit for continuous manufacture of urethane foams; a pilot plant installation for continuous extrusion of electrical wire coverings; rubber mills on which speeds and ratios can be varied and stocks may be milled at any temperature from 50 to 330 F; and a specially built press that can operate at temperatures up to 500 F for the purpose of studying greatly accelerated curing rates and high speed molding techniques.

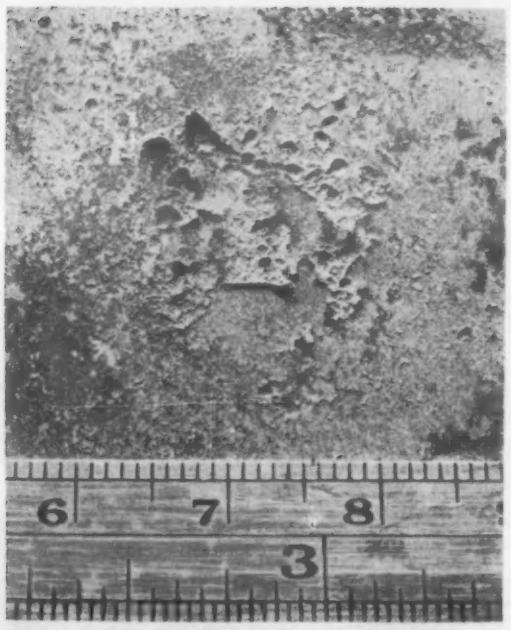


Isocyantes *Experimental unit for the continuous manufacture of urethane foams aids the study of production techniques.*



Wire covering *New Elastomers Laboratory has wire covering equipment for technical service work on neoprene.*

High Speed Airborne Dust Erodes Metal Surfaces



Dust damage *Surface of an aluminum plate ½ in. thick after being subjected to dust particles traveling at speeds up to 4000 ft per sec.*

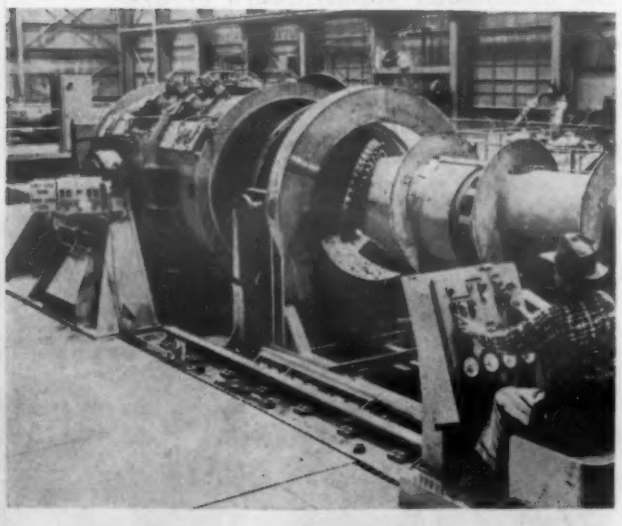
■ Dust particles traveling at 4000 ft per sec can penetrate a copper plate 0.008 in. thick and extensively damage the surface of a ½-in. thick aluminum plate. These facts were reported by E. H. Schulz, of Armour Research Foundation, who is studying the possible effects of airborne dust on satellite or missile surfaces.

If damage from the millions of dust specks is great enough, Dr. Schulz says, it could seriously diminish the chances of a missile or satellite fulfilling its mission. Preliminary tests have indicated that thin metal shields may not provide the necessary protection against meteoric dust for very high altitude flight.

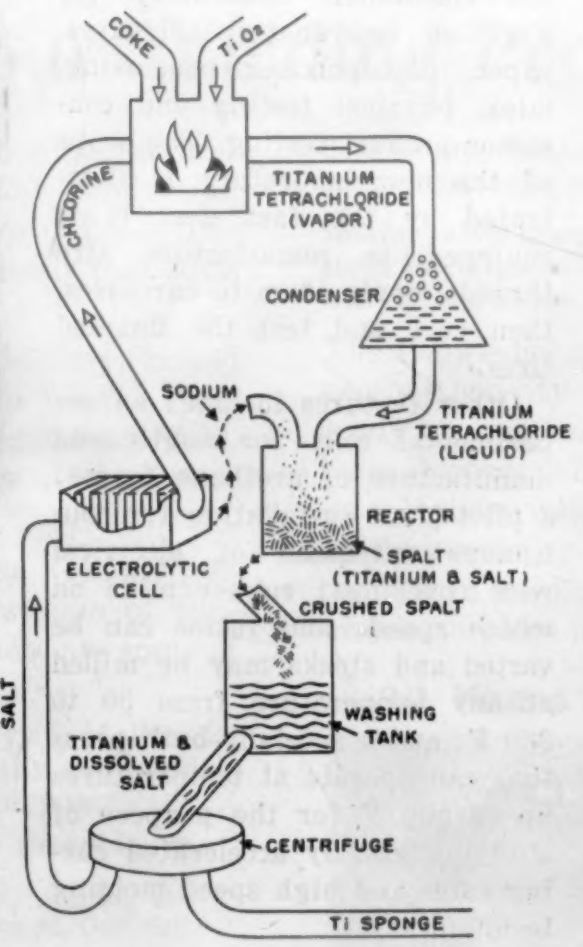
To simulate some of the hazards encountered in space flight, Armour researchers have developed a method for accelerating fine dust particles to speeds as high as 11,000 ft per sec, or more than 7000 mph.

Dust is loaded into the firing end of a shock tube which is then fired. The high pressure gases behind the shock wave expands to high velocity and carries the dust along. The dust particles shoot out of the opposite end of the shock tube and strike against the metal plate being tested. The size, quantity and velocity of the dust particles can be varied and controlled by adjusting shock tube parameters.

New Titanium Plant Uses Sodium Reduction Process



Titanium plant *Bottom view of reactor unit in horizontal position shows how reactor is drilled out to recover the sponge titanium.*



Titanium sponge *Diagram shows steps in the transformation of titanium ore into titanium sponge by the sodium reduction process.*

■ The recent start of operations in Electro Metallurgical Co.'s Ashtabula, Ohio, plant marked the first time that commercial titanium sponge had been produced in this country by a method other than the magnesium reduction process.

Electromet, a division of Union Carbide and Carbon Corp., uses sodium to reduce the titanium tetrachloride. The plant has a capacity of about 7500 tons of titanium metal sponge a year and is expected to reach its capacity production during the fourth quarter of this year.

The company adopted the sodium reduction process after extensive studies of other reduction methods. According to Electromet the sodium process is more economic and results in a metal of high quality. The titanium sponge will be shipped to producers of titanium mill products and commercial shapes for remelting into ingots.

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Zinc Producers Urged to Keep Price Attractive

■ Zinc producers must maintain their favorable price record of the past few years to meet the relentless competition of substitute materials according Jean Vuillequez, vice president of American Metal Co., Ltd.

Speaking at the 38th annual meeting of the American Zinc Institute held recently in St. Louis, Mr. Vuillequez also emphasized the need for zinc producers to promote and search for new applications for their product. During the next ten years, zinc must find markets to increase its use by at least 35% if consumption is to keep pace with potential production.

As an example of the relationship between price and use, Mr. Vuillequez pointed out that the zinc casting alloys have exhibited greater relative price stability than have competing materials. As a consequence, die casters have been encouraged to find new applications in the automotive, home appliance, hardware and indus-

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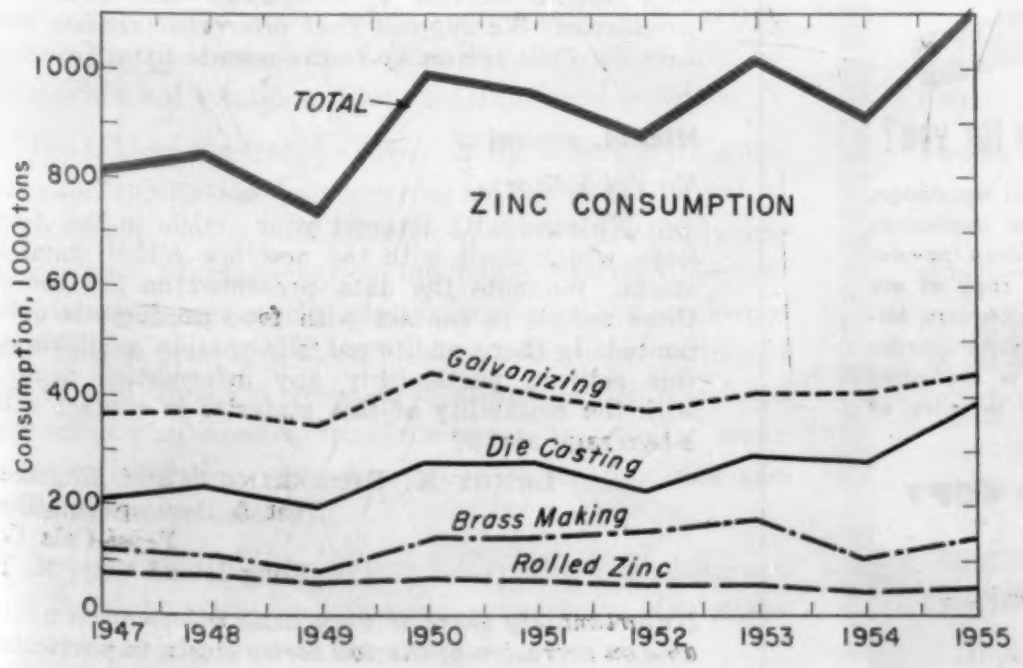

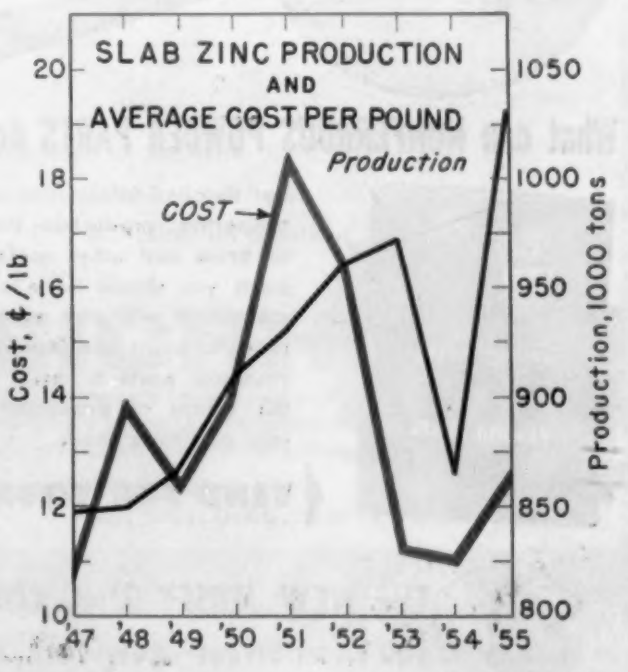

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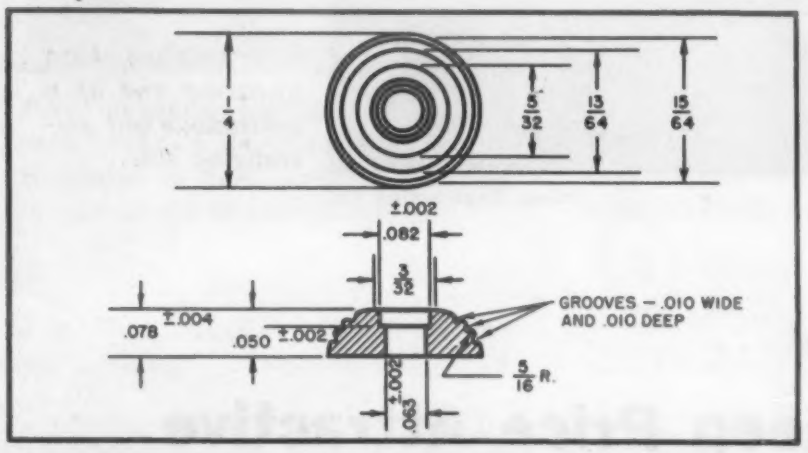
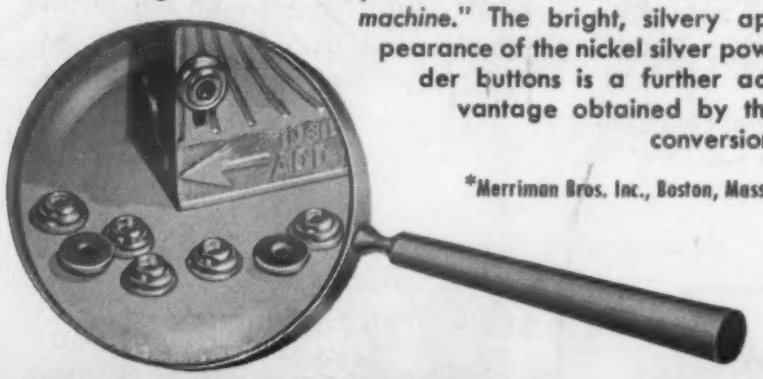


While the lock button (which holds measurements against creep) on the side of the "Tufboy" steel tape is a very *small* part of this overall assembly, *big* savings were obtained by turning to powder metallurgy. Formerly produced of stainless steel by screw machine at a cost of $.006 each, the buttons (below) are now pressed from nickel silver powder* at a 50% saving—$.003 each. Master Rule Manufacturing Co., Inc., states that, in addition to the lower cost, the nickel silver powder buttons "*have far greater uniformity than those made on the screw machine.*" The bright, silvery appearance of the nickel silver powder buttons is a further advantage obtained by the conversion.

*Merriman Bros. Inc., Boston, Mass.



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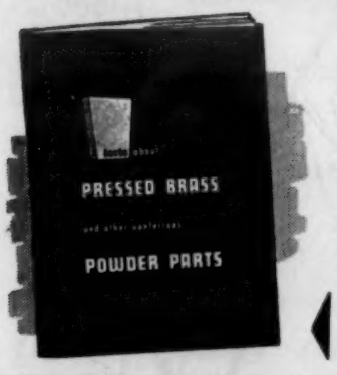

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bonding Teflon

To the Editor:

We have read the April issue of MATERIALS & METHODS with extreme interest. We have always enjoyed the publication and gather a good deal from it.

On pages 118 and 119 of the April issue is an article entitled "Bonding Qualities of Teflon Improved by New Treatment." In paragraph three of this article reference is made to U. S. Gasket Co. as producing this material. We also manufacture this material and have done so from the time Du Pont released the technique. We thought that the readers of your publication would like to know that there is more than one source for this merchandise...

W. S. SHAMBAN
Shamban Engineering Co.
Culver City, Calif.

To the Editor:

In your April issue you have an article on the bonding qualities of Teflon. You mentioned that, "At present, U. S. Gasket Co. is producing cementable Teflon Tape in thicknesses of 5 to 60 mils, and sheets in thicknesses of 1/32 and 1/16 in."

We wish to point out that U. S. Gasket is not the only firm who is producing cementable Teflon. We at Dixon Corp. have been doing this for approximately three months. We are in a position to supply any Teflon part with one or all the surfaces treated for cementing. We also supply our Rulon bearing material as tape, sheets, and molded parts with surfaces treated for cementing . . .

ROBERT RULON MILLER, President
Dixon Corp.
Bristol, R. I.

At the time the article was prepared, the name of only one producer was furnished by Du Pont. Since that date a number of companies have gone into production. We suggest that interested readers contact Du Pont for an up-to-the-minute list of sources.

Nickel, nickel

To the Editor:

We read with interest your article in the April issue which dealt with the new low nickel stainless steels. We note the data presented on the use of these metals in contact with food products is quite limited. Is there additional information available on this subject, particularly any information dealing with the suitability of this material in contact with a beverage syrup?

LENOX K. PICKERING, Chief Engineer
Test & Development Div.
Pepsi-Cola Co.
Long Island City, N. Y.

Unfortunately there is very little information available on corrosion of the 200 series steels, in particular

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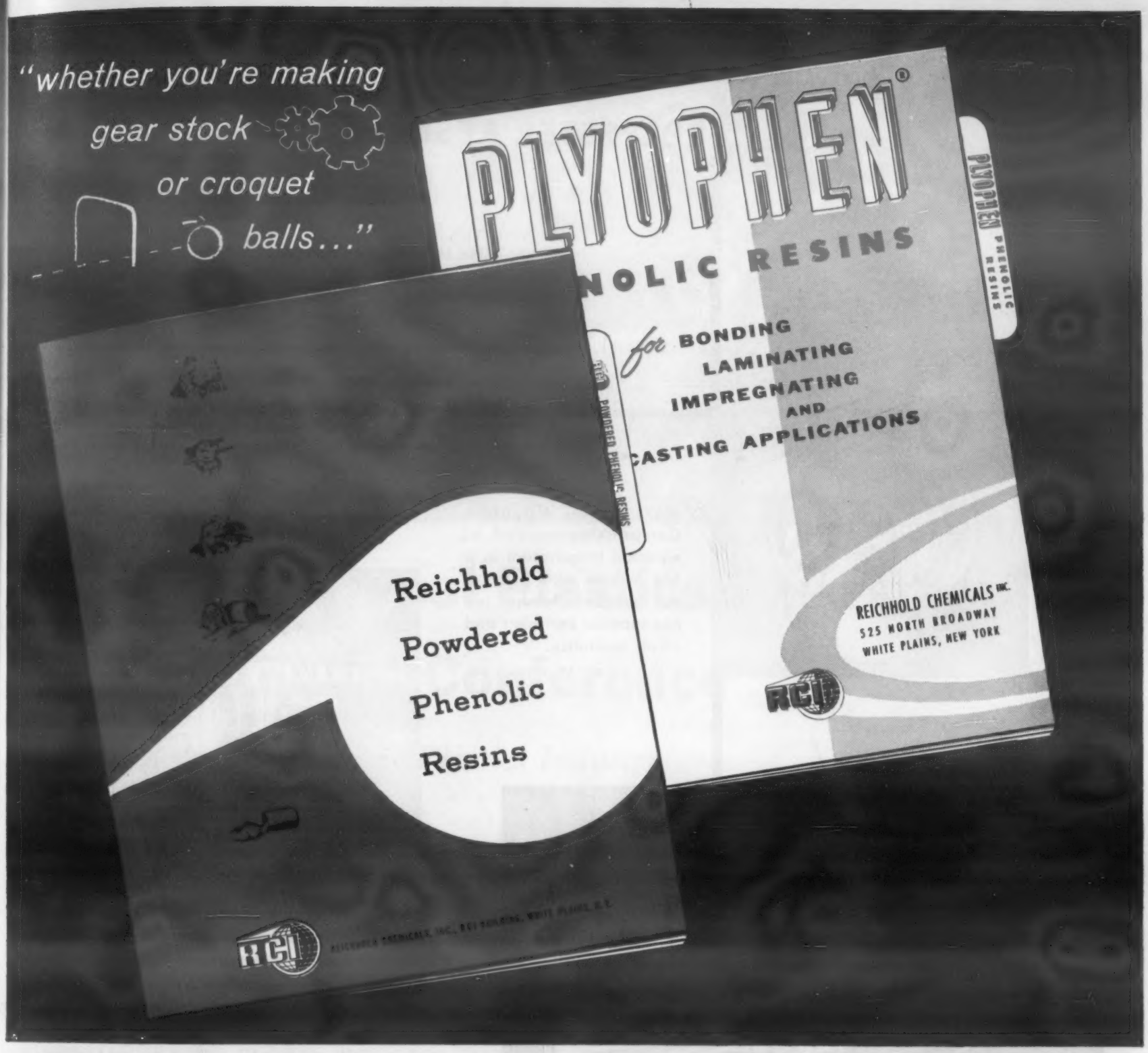

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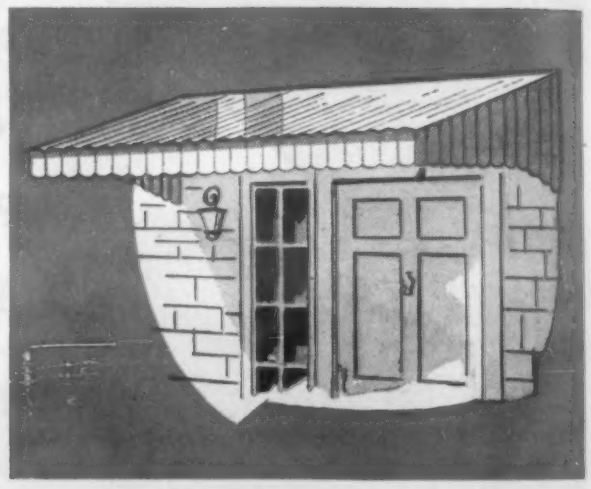

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PREVIEW

June 11-15, 1956

Seventh National Plastics Exposition ... and Annual Conference

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The Exposition

Over 230 companies will exhibit the latest developments in plastics during the Seventh National Plastics Exposition to be held this month, June 11-15, in New York City.

The exposition will be held in New York's new Coliseum at Eighth Ave. and 58th St. and will be open to visitors daily from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Admission will be restricted to properly registered representatives of industry, education and government.

Exhibitors will include: injection and compression molders; laminators; extruders; reinforced plastics molders; film, sheeting and coated fabrics processors; raw materials suppliers; machinery and equipment manufacturers; tool, die and mold makers; and testing and research laboratories. A complete list of exhibitors, up-to-date at press time, appears on pp 23 and 25.

Visitors are extended a cordial invitation to visit the Materials & Methods booth (No. 437) where plastics materials and applications covered in recent articles will be on display.

How to Register

Registration for the Plastics Exposition is free and can be made at the Coliseum at any time during exhibiting hours—12 noon to 6 p.m., June 11-15. Registration blanks can be obtained in advance from any exhibitor.

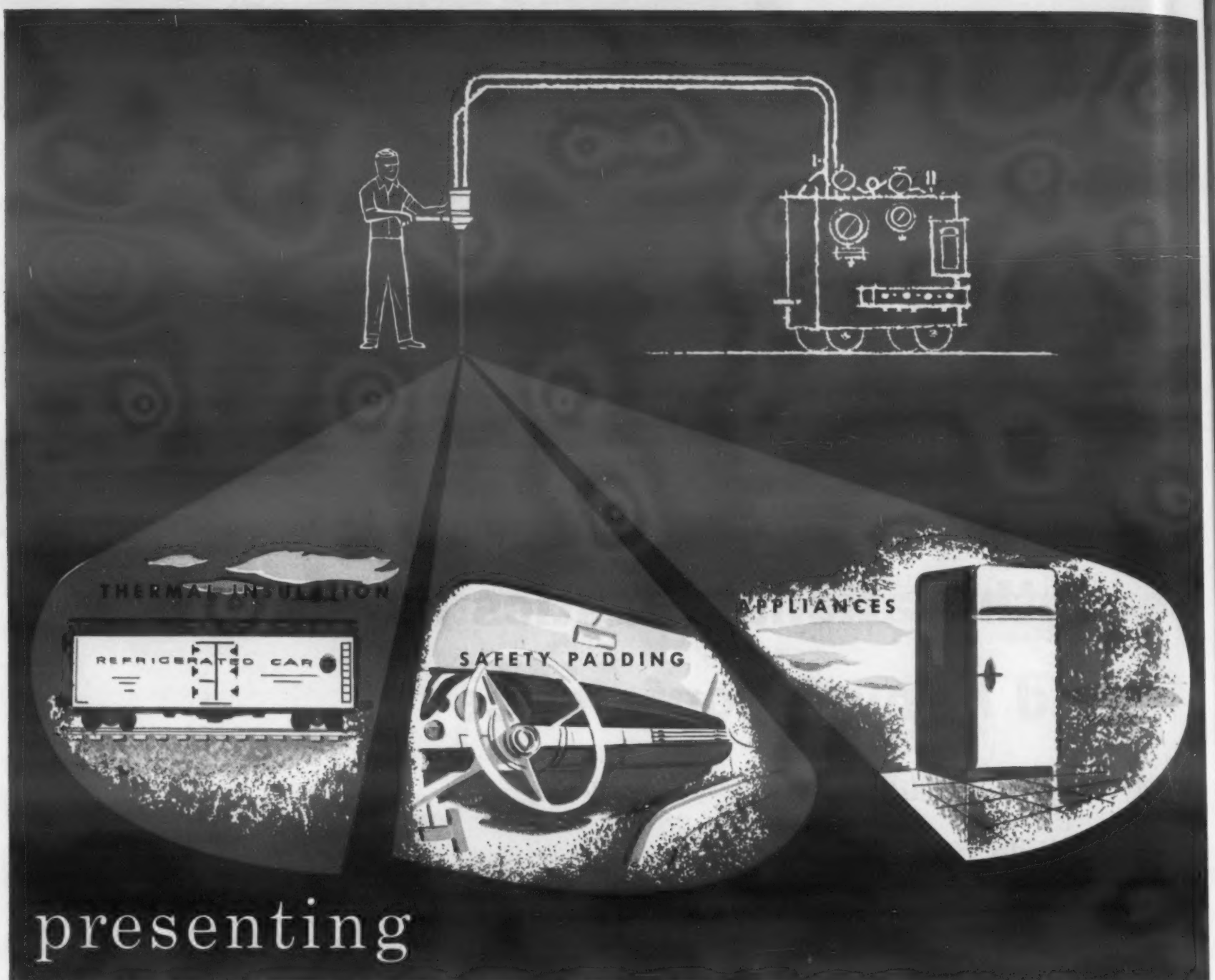
Registration for the Annual Conference can be made at the SPI desk on the Ballroom Foyer of the Commodore Hotel starting Sunday, June 10, at 2 p.m. and from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon June 11-15. The conference fee, $25 for SPI members and $30 for nonmembers, also covers the SPI Reception and a Moonlight Cruise.

The Conference

The Annual Conference of the Society of the Plastics Industry will be held concurrently with the exposition. All sessions will meet in the Commodore Hotel, 42nd St. and Lexington Ave. Opening day (Monday) sessions will start at 10 a.m.; thereafter, conference sessions will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

The conference will bring together all segments of the plastics industry in technical sessions aimed at coordinating developments in materials and production methods with the consuming industries. The five industries taking part in the program are automotive, refrigeration and air conditioning, packaging, building materials and communications. In each industry the range of subjects will cover new materials, new applications, design considerations, forming methods and the future outlook. A detailed program, up-to-date at press time, appears on pp 19 and 21.

Question and answer periods after papers are given will enable every registrant to take part in the conference.



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Program

1956 SPI Annual Conference

Commodore Hotel, New York City

Monday, June 11

10 a.m. (two concurrent sessions)

Cellular Plastics in the Transportation Industry
East Ballroom

Opening Remarks: SAMUEL STEINGISER, Mobay Chemical Co.

Presiding: PAUL ROACH, U. S. Rubber Co.

Speakers:

"Cellular Plastics Applications in Ships"—JOHN B. ALFERS, Navy Bureau of Ships

"Cellular Plastics in Subway Seating"—JAMES R. MCCORMICK, New York City Transit Authority

"Uses of Cellular Plastics in the Aircraft Industry"—STANLEY T. LIPPERT, Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc.

"Cellular Plastics in the Automotive Industry"—E. J. STORFER, Chrysler Corp.

"Applications for Cellular Plastics in Trains"—IRVING EINHORN, Budd Co.

Sheet Forming—West Ballroom

Presiding: JOHN W. KNIGHT, Fabri-Form Co.

Speakers:

"Use of Sheet Formed Plastics in Packaging Applications"—ROBERT N. FISHER, Stanley Works

"Applications and Requirements for Formed Sheets in the Appliance Industries"—ROBERT DIXON, Westinghouse Electric Corp.

Panel: "Transportation Applications for Sheet Formed Plastics"

Moderator: A. E. POLSON, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

Automobiles—RICHARD F. HINTERMEISTER, Ford Motor Co.

Trains—RALPH HAMAN, Pullman Standard Car Mfg. Co.

Aircraft—HAROLD H. ROSENBAUM, Convair, Div. of General Dynamics Corp.

Ships—F. A. HEESS, JR., Moore-McCormack Lines, Inc.

Tuesday, June 12

9:30 a.m.

Keynote Addresses: "Plastics Shaping Tomorrow's Products"—Grand Ballroom

Presiding: WILLIAM T. CRUSE, executive vice president, SPI

Speakers:

Automotive—HARRY E. CHESEBROUGH, Chrysler Corp.

Packaging—C. W. HARPER, Informative Packaging and Labeling Div., Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Building Materials—RALPH WALKER, FAIA, Voorhees, Walker, Smith and Smith

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning—GEORGE TAUBENECK, *Air Conditioning and Refrigeration News*

Communications—W. O. BAKER, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc.

6 p.m.

SPI Annual Reception—Grand Ballroom

Wednesday, June 13

9:30 a.m. (three concurrent sessions)

Automotive Session—Grand Ballroom

Presiding: W. M. PORTER, Plastics Div., Celanese Corp. of America

Speakers:

"Trends in Automotive Styling"—DUNCAN MCRAE, Studebaker-Packard Corp.

"Plastics Automotive Components"—A. J. CARTER, Chrysler Corp.

"Advances in Body Manufacturing Techniques"—JOHN G. COFFIN, Chevrolet Div., General Motors Corp.

Packaging Session—East Ballroom

Presiding: S. W. JONES, JR., M. W. Kellogg Co.

Speakers:

"New Developments in Flexible Packaging"—THOMAS R. BAXTER, Flexible Packaging Div., Shellmar-Betner Div., Continental Can Co., Inc.

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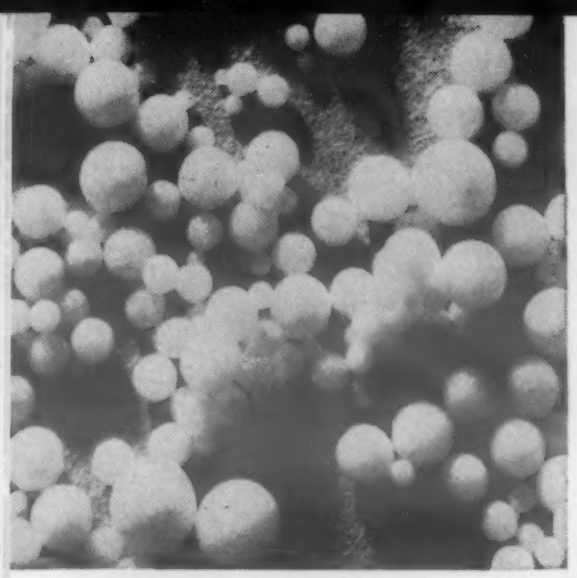

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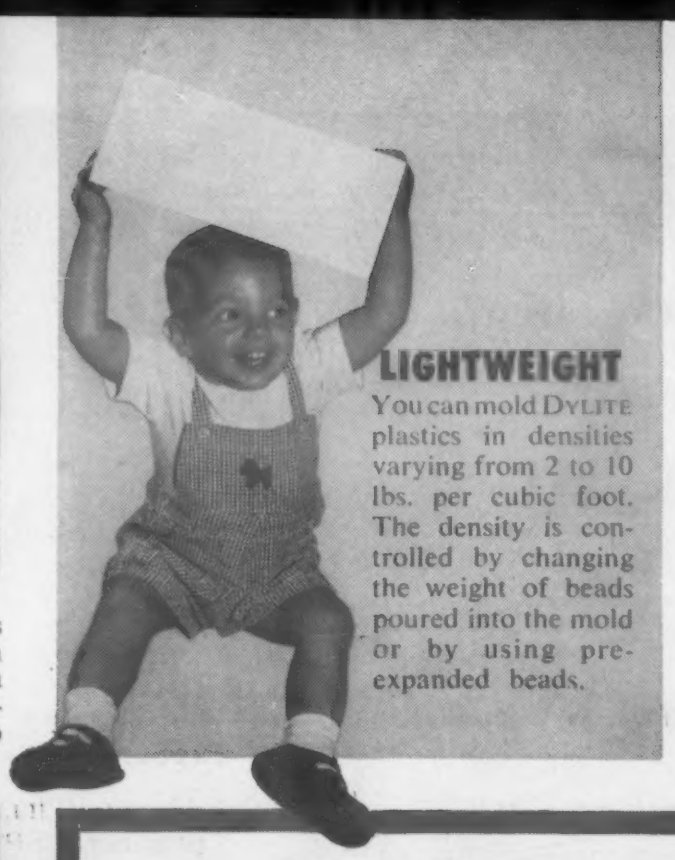

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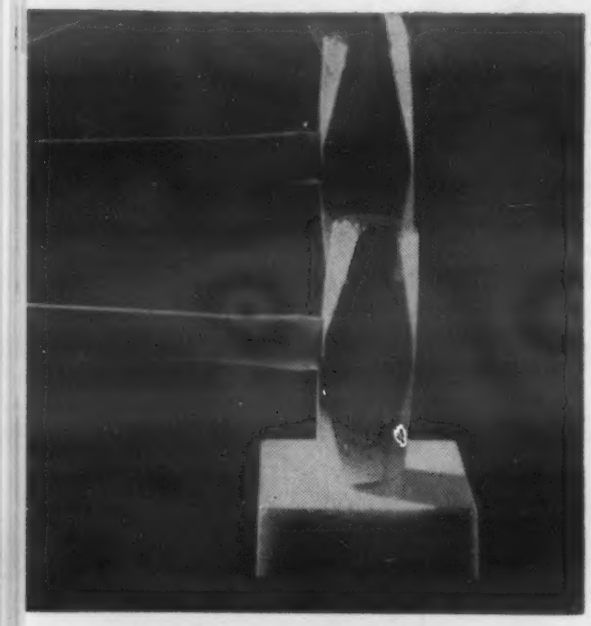

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"Progress Report on FDA Legislation"—ELLIOT BALESTIER, JR., Visking Corp.

Building Materials Session—West Ballroom

Presiding: David Guarnaccia, Monsanto Chemical Co.

Speakers:

"Plastics Today in Buildings"—ALBERT G. H. DIETZ, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

"Approach to Code Problems"—F. J. RARIG, Rohm & Haas Co.

"Plastics Tomorrow in Buildings"—ROBERT FITCH SMITH, architect, AIA

Presentation: Plastics House Competition Awards—Philip A. Belk, chairman, SPI Public Relations Committee

12:30 p.m.

Luncheon, SPI Annual Meeting—Grand Ballroom

Presiding: Norman Anderson, president of SPI

Business: Society reports, announcement of new SPI officers

Speaker: "Status of Federal Communications Commission's Proposed Changes in Rules and Regulations Covering the Use of High Frequency Equipment for Molding and Heat Sealing"—JEROME H. HECKMAN, Dow, Lohnes and Albertson

6:30 p.m.

International Reception and Dinner—St. Moritz Hotel, Burgundy Room

Presiding: Tino Perutz, Omni Products Corp.

Program: Accredited overseas visitors will speak on conditions in the plastics industry in their respective countries

Thursday, June 14

9:30 a.m. (two concurrent sessions)

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Session—Grand Ballroom

Presiding: ISLYN THOMAS, Newark Die Co., Inc.

Speakers:

"Sheet Forming and Extrusion"—D. A. DAVIS, Major Appliance Div., General Electric Co.

"Moldings"—ROY V. JOHNSON, Midwest Mfg. Co.

"Insulation"—O. H. YOXSIMER, Westinghouse Electric Corp.

Communications Session—West Ballroom

Presiding: George H. Reed, American Hard Rubber Co.

Speakers:

"Trends in Extrusion Materials for Communications Wire and Cable"—J. B. HOWARD and V. T. WALLDER, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc. (delivered by HOWARD)

"Encapsulation and Miniaturization"—WILLIAM CUMING, Emerson & Cuming, Inc.

"The IBM Molded Flush Circuit"—RICHARD M. BELL, Plastics Laboratory, International Business Machines Corp.

"Plastics in Telephone Instruments"—GEORGE A. WAHL, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc.

12:30 p.m.

Luncheon—Grand Ballroom

Presiding: WALTER J. A. CONNOR, American Plastics Corp.

Speaker: "A Behind-the-Counter View of Plastics"—PHILIP M. TALBOTT, president, National Retail Dry Goods Assn.

Announcement: Plans for the forthcoming Informative Labeling Awards—PHILIP A. BELK, Hercules Powder Co.

6 p.m.

Moonlight Cruise

Schedule: M. V. Liberty Belle leaves Wilson Line Pier, West 42nd St., at 7 p.m. Reception at 6 p.m., buffet dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing until 12:30 a.m.

Friday, June 15

9:30 a.m.

SPI Molders' Management Division Meeting—Grand Ballroom

Presiding: NED H. PORTE, General American Transportation Corp.

Speaker: "Sound Costing Practice"—FRANK WALLACE, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

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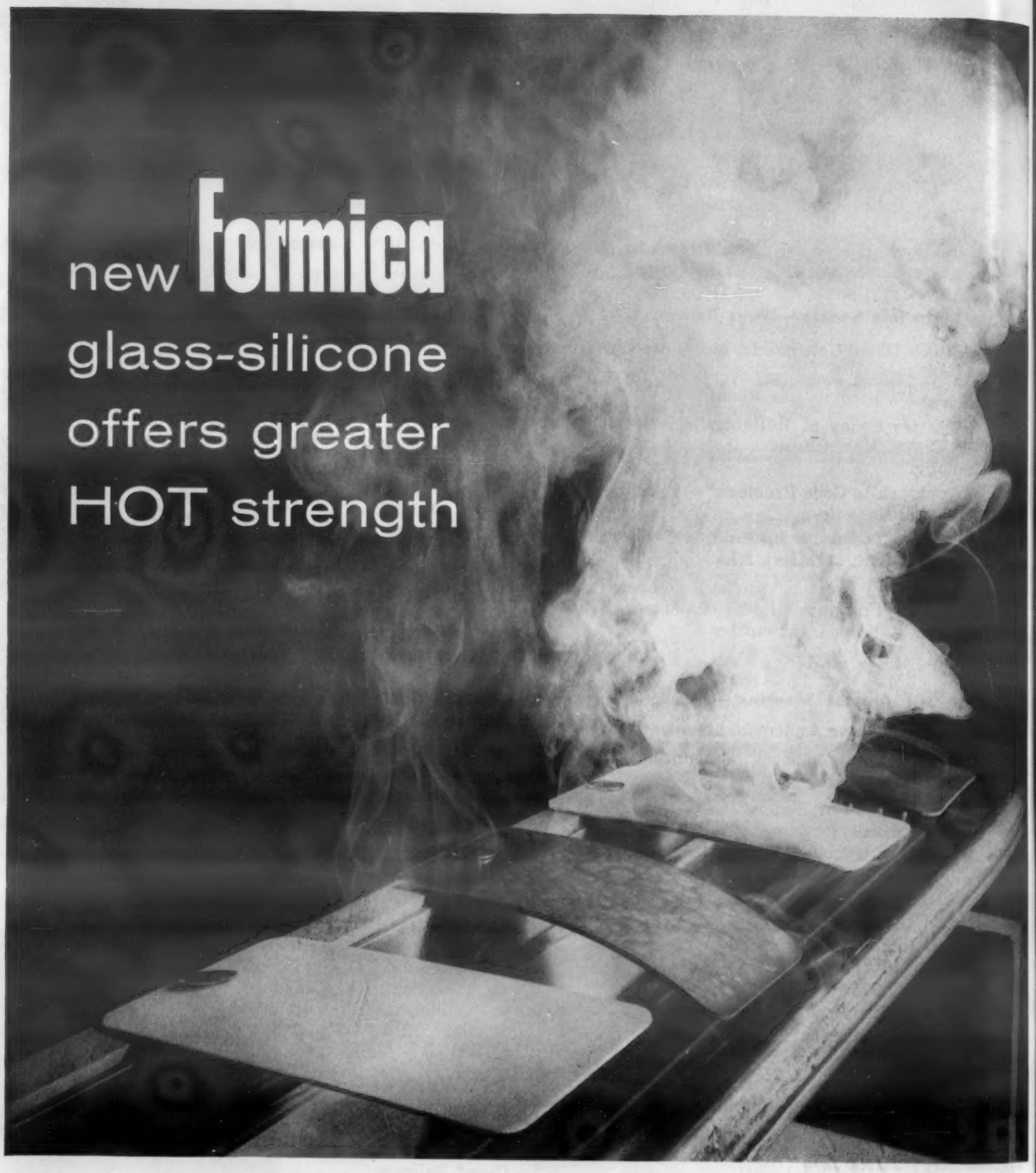

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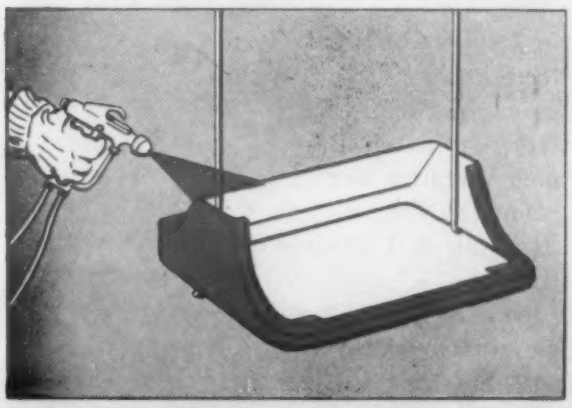

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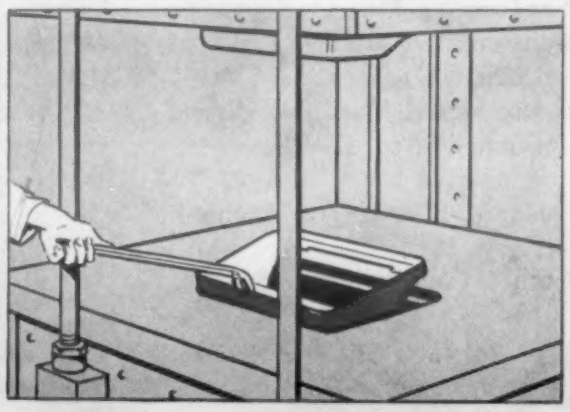

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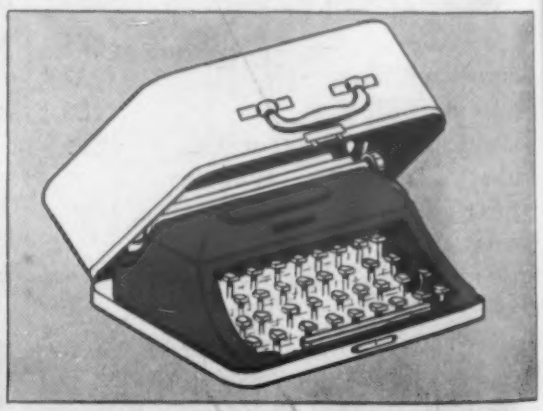

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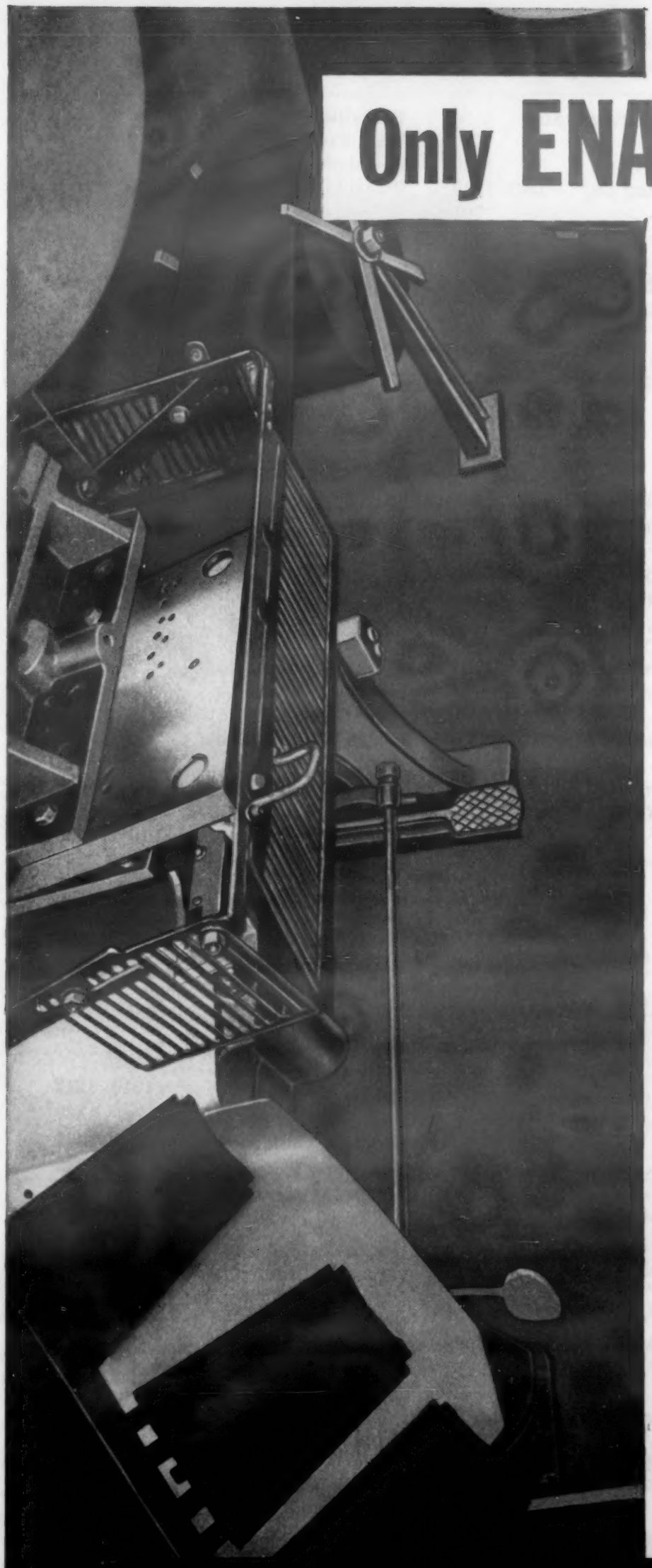

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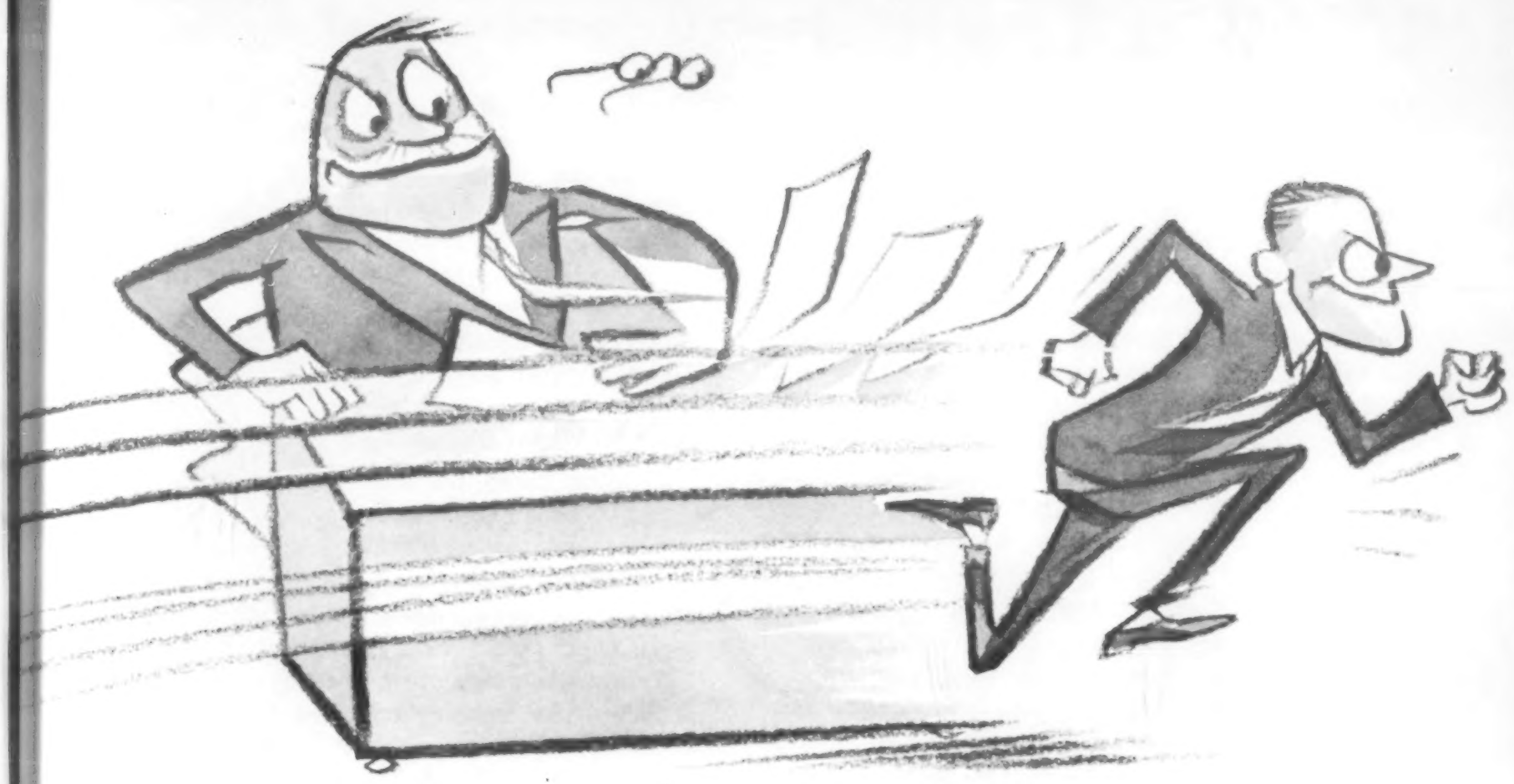


for young men who want to catch up to their bosses . . .

Alcoa's Up-to-Dater on Forgings

Four factual pages of news on the world's largest aluminum die forging, latest alloys, titanium, brass forging costs, hand forgings and other information for young men who want to catch up to their bosses.

Here's the world's largest

Forging history is being made as you read this. At Alcoa's Cleveland plant the world's largest closed die aluminum forging is being made. The part is a structural member for a jet bomber aircraft wing. It is 13 feet long, 3 feet wide, 12 inches thick. And it weighs 3,715 pounds. The die blocks weigh 60,000 pounds each. It is being forged on the giant 50,000-ton press operated by Alcoa for the United States Air Force.

Another example of what these giant presses save in machine time, man-hours and money is a jet bomber bulkhead. Alcoa was first asked to make it as an aluminum hand forging. We did, and it weighed 1,625 pounds. Redesigned, it was next made as a blocker-type forging on Alcoa's 15,000-ton press. It weighed 830 pounds. Now, here's the kicker. Redesigned again, the part was placed on the 50,000-ton press and squeezed out as a precision forging. This time it weighed 290 pounds! And imagine what happened to costs!

What does this illustrate? Simply that larger, more intricate forgings are a practical reality the way Alcoa makes them on the large hydraulic presses. Die life is lengthened. Draft angles drop from the customary 7° to 0°, in some cases. Machine time is cut dramatically. Thinner webs and ribs are possible. The actual forging, because it is squeezed instead of pounded,has smoother surfaces, less chance of surface defects, slivers and laps. And while you may never design a part that requires the facilities of our 15,000-, 35,000- or 50,000-ton presses, it's obvious that experience learned in solving problems like these can effect savings on your parts, regardless of the size and quantity. Let us prove it.

Need just a few? Need them in a hurry? Try hand forgings

Hand forgings come awfully close to what the blacksmith can beat out with an anvil and hammer. Except in Alcoa's shops,they grow to 2,500 pounds

Alcoa's Up-to-Dater on Forgings (continued)

and 300 inches long and 40 inches wide. Alert designers specify hand forgings when part requirements are few, or when designs are not final. In so doing, they avoid die costs and lost time.

This is old stuff to some, but we wonder if all designers realize that hand forgings can be had in far more intricate forms than the usual bars, slabs, biscuits, etc. And, further, they can be had in all the forging alloys.

The closer a hand forging approaches the shape of the finished part, the more metal and machining time is saved at your plant. Also, better mechanical properties come when the stock is forged to lighter sections. This extra quality is reflected in the strength of the finished part. But the dollars add up as a forging gets closer to the finished part. When does it pay? It depends on such things as machining costs, scrap wasted, work-load in your plant, properties necessary, etc. How to find out? Give your Alcoa sales engineer a sketch or drawing of the finished piece and an idea of the number needed. He will suggest the hand forging that might best serve your needs. Or, if you prefer, he will submit several propositions involving hand forgings ranging from the simplest shape to others coming closer and closer to your finished part.

We have just printed an informative, technical booklet, *Alcoa Hand Forgings*. Make sure you ask your Alcoa sales engineer for a copy. Or drop us a line.

Big news on small stuff

We often get so wrapped up in 50,000-ton presses and 2,500-pound hand forgings that we fail to mention a substantial part of your business and ours, i.e., small forgings. We operate a large percentage of our vast number of hammers and mechanical presses continuously on small forgings. These jobs are in our shops instead of somebody else's for one of several simple reasons: They cost less, and/or they're made better, and/or we deliver 'em faster, and/or we give more engineering service. It's the plain, unanodized truth that we can do the same for you. Let us quote.

The latest on titanium forgings

Titanium being the fourth most abundant structural metal in the earth's crust gives us more than a passing interest in the stuff. We don't make the basic metal sponge, or alloy it in ingots. But we are doing considerable development work in its fabrication that could easily accrue to your benefit. Titanium forgings are a case in point.

Being the country's largest light metal forging facility, we have equipment to do some remarkable things with titanium. Heavy-press capacity lets us forge it at optimum temperatures. This reduces the oxide film that forms at high temperatures and also results in better properties. Our pioneering work in no-draft forgings of aluminum plus superior die design work has helped us eliminate many problems of titanium forgings. These and other techniques, which we are keeping under wraps, permit us to offer titanium forgings at some mighty competitive prices.

Capacity now in operation can handle titanium forgings in sizes up to 30x60 inches. Deliveries run about the same as aluminum. Typical properties go something like this: 150,000 tensile, 140,000 yield, 15 per cent elongation.

close to what the blacksmith can beat out with an anvil and hammer

do some remarkable things with titanium

We see a lot in titanium beyond aircraft and ordnance. High-temperature processing equipment for corrosive materials is already a proven market for titanium forgings. Likewise severe marine applications. Now is the time to do some hard commercial planning with titanium. We'd like to help.

Buying brass forgings? Why?

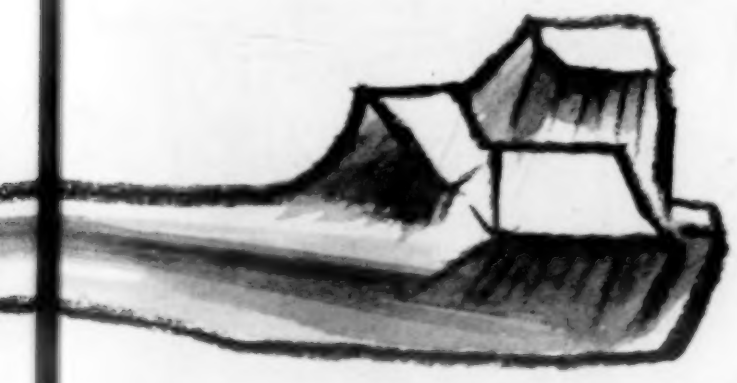
"Why"—since aluminum costs one-sixth as much as brass?

"Why"—since aluminum has become so easy to forge?

We don't expect these simple facts to undermine the foundations of the brass forging industry. But they are particularly pertinent in these competitive days. We don't mean to imply that every part now forged in brass would be less costly in aluminum. But the plain truth is that if more users of brass forgings would ask themselves "Why," there'd be a whopping lot of money saved.

A tour through Alcoa's forge plants will show aluminum forgings such as valve and pipe fittings, luggage hardware and many other parts that used to be brass. They are now aluminum for one main reason only. Cost. Yet it is equally true that these users have gained more than money. Their products are lighter—about half as heavy for equal strength. They are rustproof. They can be colored any shade of the spectrum right in the metal surface. They conduct heat and electricity like—well, like brass.

If you have an inkling that your brass part might cost less in aluminum, let us inkle with you. The difference could be considerable, and the consultation is painless and free.



About quality control

This is something that everyone talks about, and few have to a degree that makes it really worth while. Usually the palaver goes something like this: "Every step is closely guarded by standards of rigid quality control, using utmost skill and the latest methods of inspection."

Next time you hear something like that, get the specifics and check them against Alcoa's tally: Ultrasonic inspection, fluorescent penetrant inspection, destructive testing, sectional testing for grain flow, Brinell tests, plus hundreds of visual checks and inspections throughout the process.

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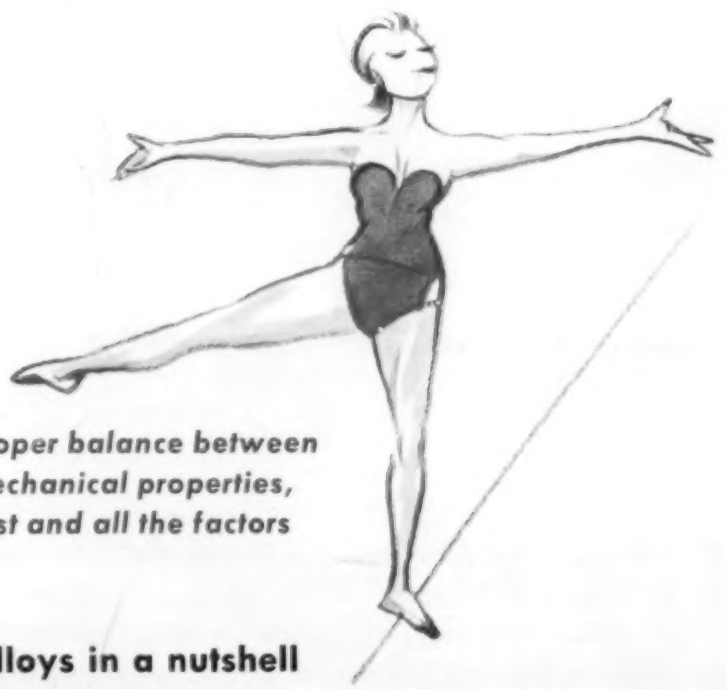

proper balance between mechanical properties, cost and all the factors

Alloys in a nutshell

Maybe the toughest nut in designing for aluminum forgings is picking the right alloy. On the next page is a skeleton table along with brief comments about each alloy. Note alloys X-7079 and X-2219, just announced a few months ago. Alloy X-7079 is a new high-strength deal like 7075. But it provides a higher level of short transverse elongation plus being less apt to distort on machining. Alloy X-2219 offers a lot of new features for problems in 500-600°F range. There's lots more to the alloy story and we think your Alcoa salesman is the right man to help you get the proper balance between mechanical properties, costs, and all the factors that go into the picking of the alloy that's exactly right for your job.

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF ALCOA® ALUMINUM FORGINGS

	MINIMUM SPECIFICATION VALUE (1)			TYPICAL VALUES (1)			
ALLOY	TENSILE STRENGTH	YIELD STRENGTH	ELONGATION % in 2"	TENSILE STRENGTH	YIELD STRENGTH	ELONGATION % in 2"	BRIEF ADVANTAGES OF ALLOY
2014-T6	65,000	55,000	10	70,000	60,000	13	readily forgeable, high strength.
X-2219	55,000	35,000	6	62,000	43,000	16	high strength in 500-600°F temperature range.
6151-T6	44,000	37,000	14	48,000	43,000	17	good mechanical properties, readily forgeable.
7075-T6	75,000	65,000	10	82,000	72,000	11	highest strength.
X-7079	74,000	64,000	10	78,000	68,000	14	high strength, improved ductility in transverse, less quench sensitive.
4032-T6	52,000	42,000	5	55,000	46,000	9	high strength at elevated temperature. Selection between these three alloys depends on individual requirements.
2218-T72	38,000	29,000	8	46,000	36,000	10	
2018-T61	55,000	40,000	10	62,000	48,000	12	
6061-T6	38,000	35,000	10	45,000	40,000	17	superior welding and brazing qualities, readily forgeable, corrosion resistant.
2025-T6	55,000	33,000	16	58,000	37,000	19	special-purpose propellers, etc.

(1) For forged sections to 4" thick for all alloys except 7075-T6 which is 3" and X-7079 which is 6".

Straight talk

In these days of designing for sales as well as performance, many a designer has found a competitive edge in Alcoa Forgings. This often comes about through solid technical thinking contributed by a local Alcoa sales engineer and a designer in Alcoa forge shops. It is this help, perhaps more than machines and equipment, that makes the difference in dealing with Alcoa. And the practicality of it all is that it's free. Your first step is to call the local Alcoa sales office listed under "Aluminum" in your classified phone book. Or write, ALUMINUM COMPANY OF AMERICA, 1994-F Alcoa Bldg., Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

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Taylor GEC Copper-Clad provides . . .

- Superior electrical and mechanical qualities for critical applications.
- High electrical stability over wide humidity range.
- High resistance to dip soldering temperatures up to 500 F.
- High insulation resistance and surface resistivity after etching.
- Ready punchability.
- Good, uniform copper-to-laminate bond strength.

Taylor XXXP-242 Copper-Clad provides . . .

- Cold punchability. For intricate punchings—warm to 150 F. max.
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- High insulation resistance and surface resistivity after etching.
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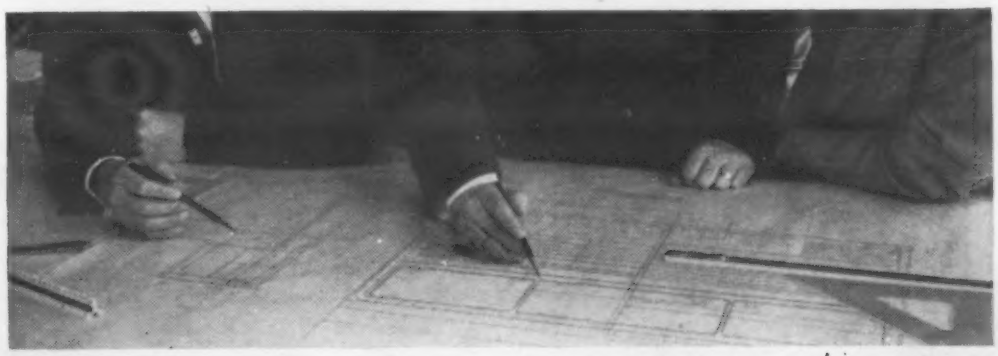
Today's industrial designers face a dual challenge in the race to outdistance competition. Their products must be more pleasing in appearance, more efficient in performance. Many of these designers are working closely with plastics engineers in the custom molding industry to achieve both goals simultaneously. Read how one of America's leading manufacturers of air conditioning units improved sales in a fiercely contested market by utilizing the unique properties offered by plastic materials.

New housings of Lustrex Styrene plastic are building business for Fresh'nd-Aire



DESIGN OBJECTIVES. In creating a new line of air conditioning units, the management of the Fresh'nd-Aire Company, division of the Cory Corporation, Chicago, required an interior housing with many advanced features. The new housing had to have sleek decorating styling to make it an outstandingly handsome piece of furniture. It had to incorporate tight-fitting removable parts. It also had to be produced at reasonable cost.

MATERIAL SPECIFICATION. Careful testing by Fresh'nd-Aire engineers proved that Lustrex high impact styrene offered the most desirable characteristics. A styrene housing could be economically produced with an attractive, soft-lustered, surface-to-surface coloring in the specified shade. This eliminated six costly painting and cementing operations. Injection molding techniques for high impact styrene freed designers from the restrictions of metal die-stamping machines. Modern smooth-flowing lines could be obtained. There was no danger of rust or corrosion deteriorating the housing. Furthermore, Lustrex high impact styrene provided a strong base for rivets, bolts and other anchoring devices. This tough Monsanto styrene also demonstrated its ability to hold critical dimensions. Parts like reversible vents and a front cover accessory panel could be removed and replaced repeatedly without the hazard of bending out of snug fit.

PRODUCTION ENGINEERING. General American Transportation Corporation, Chicago, was commissioned to supply the styrene housing for Fresh'nd-Aire. Every design requirement was satisfactorily met by molding the component of Monsanto Lustrex Hi-Test 88, a rubber-modified high-impact styrene. The part is produced in a hydraulic 1500-ton press and contains 40 ounces of the Monsanto styrene material.

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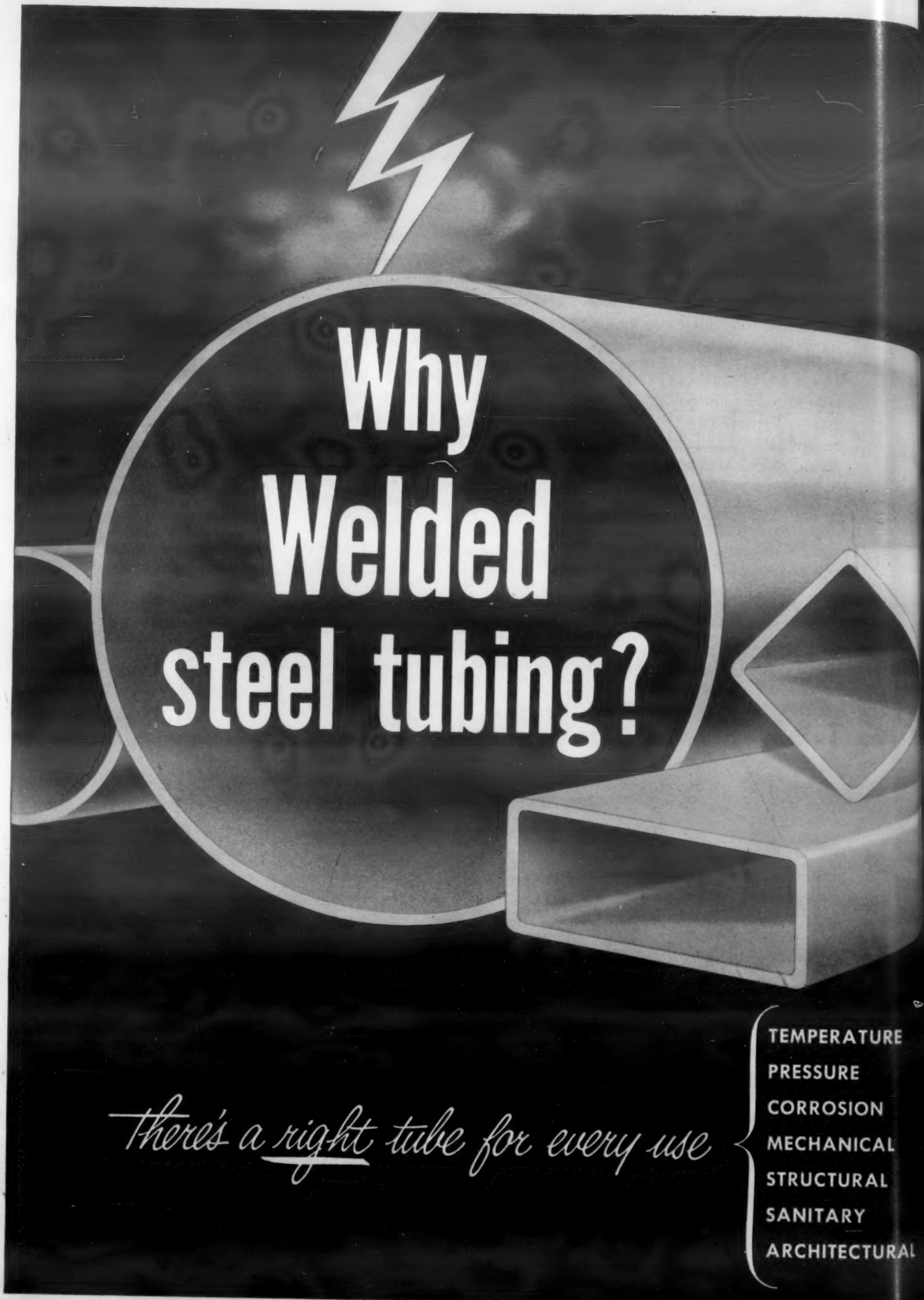
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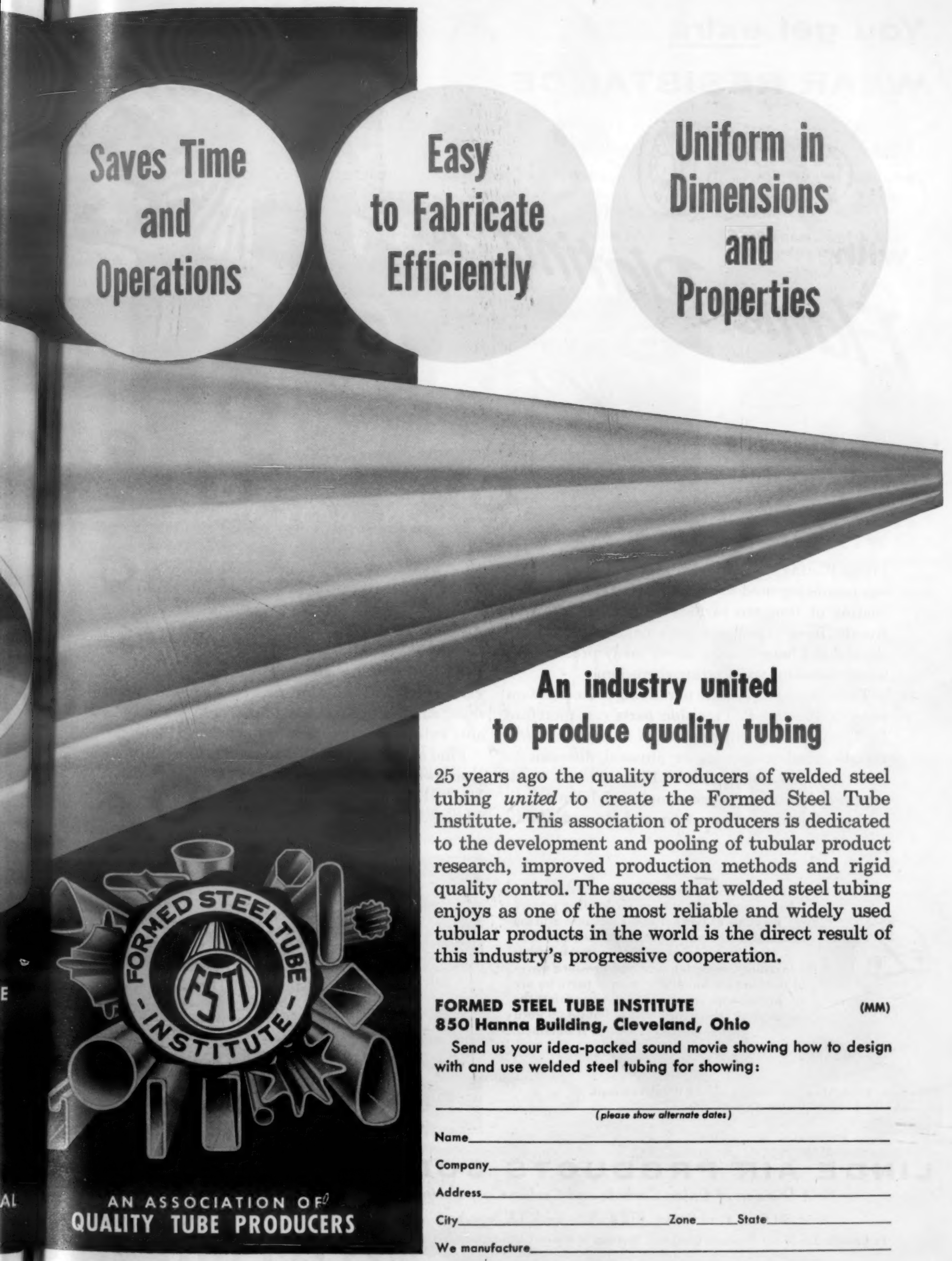

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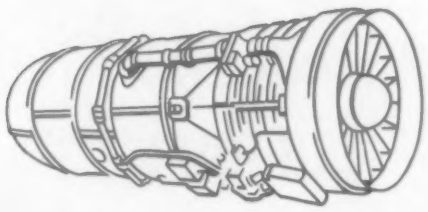

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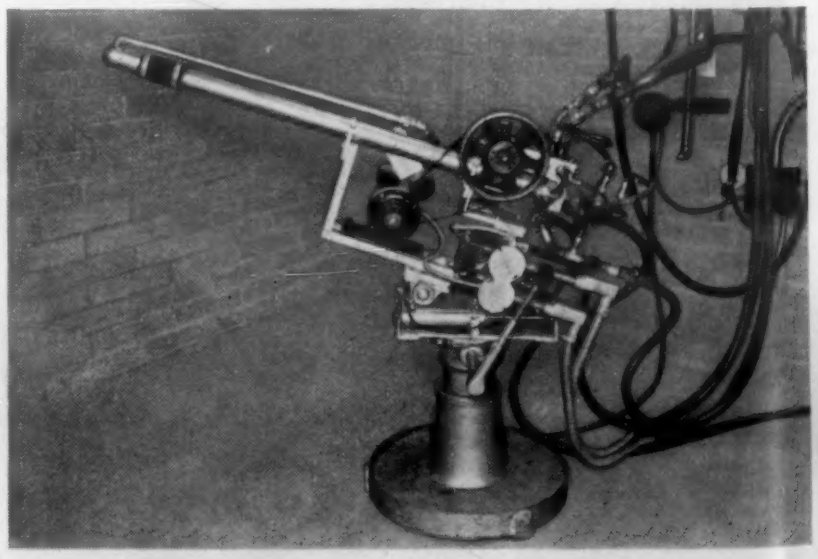

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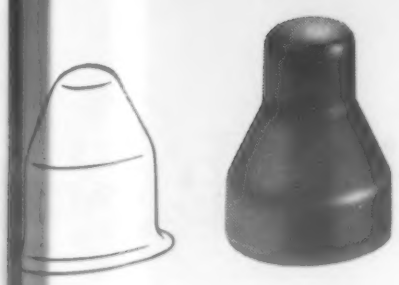


PREFORM
2 11/16" dia.
2 5/16" high

FINAL FORM
1 11/16" dia.
2¼" high

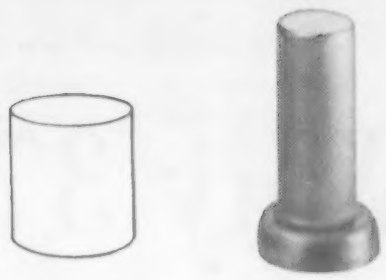
2 OPERATIONS plus anneal—.032" AMS 5521. Jet engine part formed by redrawing a cup.

PREFORM
3¾" dia.
3¼" high

FINAL FORM
2⅞" dia.
5⅛" high

PREVIOUS METHOD

2 OPERATIONS—.043" AMS 5540. Jet engine part formed by redrawing a cup. Part at right shows previous forming method of welding two stamped sections together.



PREFORM
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FINAL FORM
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2 OPERATIONS—.020" Hy Mu 80. Part formed by redrawing a cup.

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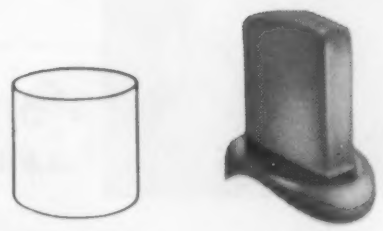

PREFORM
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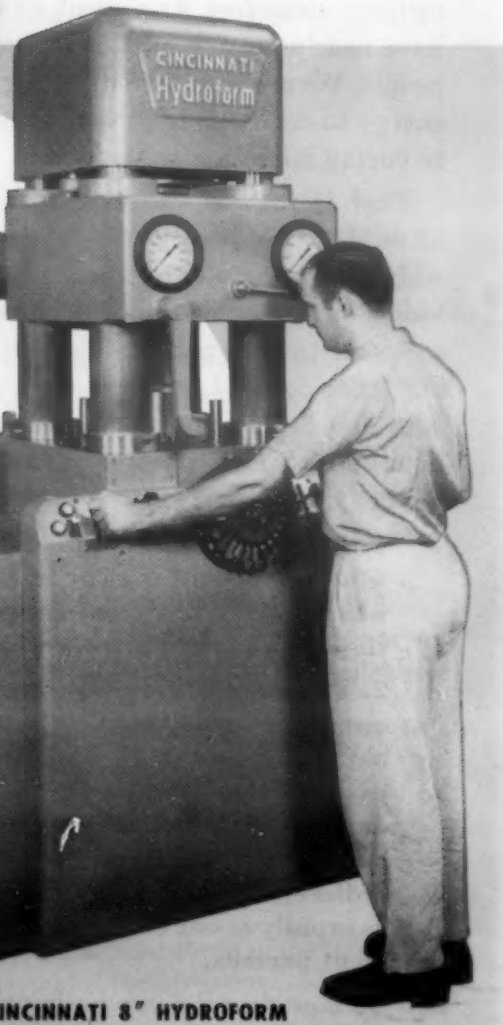
2 OPERATIONS plus anneal—.025" Brass. Instrument cover formed by drawing a cup into the final rectangular shape.



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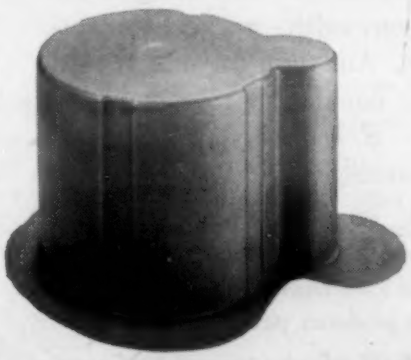
1 OPERATION—.030" Brass. Automotive detail.



1 OPERATION—.034" CRS, deep-drawing quality. Previous forming method required drawing the can, cutting a slot in the wall and welding on the protruding section.

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Why 371 U.S. manufacturers now enjoy 100% tax

Governor Muñoz tells why Puerto Rico offers such amazing incentives to new or expanding manufacturers.

"IN THIS statement, I shall try to explain Puerto Rico's economic position as frankly as I would to any manufacturer or labor leader who met me face to face.

Puerto Rico is currently making a determined effort to stand squarely on its own economic feet. At present we do not have nearly enough jobs to support our people. We are therefore directing every energy to create more jobs at home, and to curtail migration to the States.

That is precisely why we are going all out to attract every *new* plant we possibly can. But, to date, we are still providing only 25% of the new jobs we need *each year* to keep pace with our expanding labor force. I shall go into details later. But first I want to make two points of my Government's policy absolutely clear:

1. Puerto Rico has no intention of winning industries *away* from anywhere. We do not grant tax concessions to *runaway* plants.

2. Puerto Rico's Industrial Development Plan is based on a combination of absolutely ethical incentives. We do *not* and *never will* hold out low wages as an attraction to business. My Government's firm philosophy is that wages should rise as rapidly as our economic development permits.

Let me now describe our basic problem in more detail."

Our Problem

"When people talk of over-population as Puerto Rico's biggest headache, they certainly don't exaggerate. Our unemployment is high. Our income level is still low—only 25% of the U. S. average. And every year 20,000 more workers swell our under-employed labor forces.

But this is probably putting the cart before the horse. Our real problem is not over-population but *under*-development. What then is our best solution?"

Our Solution

"I am convinced that the answer can only lie in more and more industry. Hence we are pinning our major hopes on our industrial development program, as the main pull of what we call Operation Bootstrap.

From the economic standpoint, Operation Bootstrap has but one simple aim—to develop industry, and in doing so, to encourage U. S. manufacturers to *expand* their operations to Puerto Rico. Operation Bootstrap is, in fact, a bold attempt to increase the well-being of our whole Commonwealth—workers and employers alike. And lest anyone should fear that my country's program might injure the U. S. economy, let me now sound a reassuring note:

1. The U. S. already has 65 *million* employed. Puerto Rico only needs to create 150 *thousand* new jobs to solve its present problem.

2. One half of one percent of normal U. S. industrial *expansion* would achieve our whole economic program.

I hope these comparisons help to put Puerto Rico's modest needs in proper perspective. But, for good measure, let me quote a few more figures to show how important a prosperous Puerto Rico is to U. S. business itself:

In 1955, Puerto Rico's purchases from the U. S. rose to $580,000,000. *Without* Puerto Rico as a customer, New York's gross sales would have dropped by $67,000,000; California's by $54,000,000; New England's by $53,000,000.

So much for statistics. Now just a word about my people, without whose willing co-operation Operation Bootstrap would merely be a sterile dream."

Bootstrap Underway

"Pay us a visit and I think you will be impressed immediately by the wholehearted faith we Puerto Ricans place in Operation Bootstrap.

We believe in it deeply and thoroughly—and, with practically no exceptions, support its policies right along the line. Thus, I can promise the same eager, cheerful co-operation to every U. S. manufacturer who expands his industry to our Commonwealth.

Scarcely a month goes by that I am not visited by the Mayors of a dozen Puerto Rican towns, all asking for plants to be erected in *their* areas. There's not a community in all Puerto Rico that would not enthusiastically welcome the arrival of a new factory.

For we all realize that though we have made a promising start up the long, long hill to economic prosperity—the summit is not in sight yet. But the Puerto Rican people have squared up to their challenge and are meeting it in good heart."

in Puerto Rico freedom

Corporate Tax Exemption

If your net profit after U. S. Corporate Income Tax is :	Your net profit in Puerto Rico would be :
$ 29,500	$ 50,000
53,500	100,000
245,500	500,000
485,500	1,000,000

Dividend Tax Exemption*

If your income after U. S. Individual Income Tax is :	Your net income in Puerto Rico would be :
$ 7,760	$ 10,000
15,850	25,000
25,180	50,000
51,180	200,000

*Dividends are tax-free only if paid to residents of Puerto Rico by a tax-exempt corporation. Examples are based on Federal rates (Jan. 1, 1956) for single persons.

Beardsley Ruml tells how new or expanding industries (not runaway plants) get tax exemption.

"START A NEW plant in Puerto Rico and you are not only free from Federal income taxes (they don't apply)—you can be exempt from *local* income taxes too. Your freedom from Federal taxes is *not* a concession. It is a *Constitutional* fact which stems logically from that historic American principle 'Taxation without representation is tyranny.' Puerto Rico has no vote in Congress, and therefore no Federal income taxes—corporate or personal."

Protected by Two Constitutions

"Your business is not only protected by the Commonwealth Constitution, it is permanently guarded by all the guarantees of the U. S. Courts and Constitution, too.

As for your *local* income tax exemption, this is an *added* incentive, offered by the Commonwealth Government to attract new plants that Puerto Rico's economy needs so urgently."

How you gain from a new plant in Puerto Rico

1. A better return. Local tax concessions, freedom from Federal taxes, and lower operating costs will all reflect favorably in your company's balance sheet. See table above.

2. Abundant, skillful labor. Puerto Rico's labor force totals 644,000. The Commonwealth operates an ambitious vocational training program, which will even screen workers and teach them *specially* to operate your machines. The adeptness of the Puerto Rican worker in learning precision skills may be judged by the fact that the following famous companies now have operations in Puerto Rico:

Remington Rand. St. Regis Paper. Beaunit Mills. International Latex. Carborundum Company. Shoe Corporation of America. United Drill and Tool. Sunbeam Electric. Univis Lens. Weston Electrical Instrument Company.

3. No currency or customs problems. Puerto Rico is a Commonwealth freely associated with the United States. It is an integral part of the U. S. economic system. You have none of the problems of operating from a foreign country. Movement of goods, money and people between Puerto Rico and the U. S. is as free as it is between the states of the Union. There's no duty on trade and the U. S. dollar is currency.

4. Low capital investment. New single-story, low-rental factories are ready to occupy. The government will even build a *special* one for you on a very small down payment. Abundant electricity, gas and water are just waiting to be connected.

5. Ideal location. Puerto Rico is served by 30 ocean lines and 8 airlines. It is only 5½ hours by air from New York—less than 4 from Miami. Goods are actually made in Puerto Rico one day and are delivered in Los Angeles the next. The climate is perpetual Spring. Temperature stays around the balmy 70's most of the year. Swimming, sailing and fishing are superb. Domestic help is plentiful.

Is Your Company Eligible?

To find out if your company is eligible for tax exemption in Puerto Rico, call our nearest office:

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Company _____

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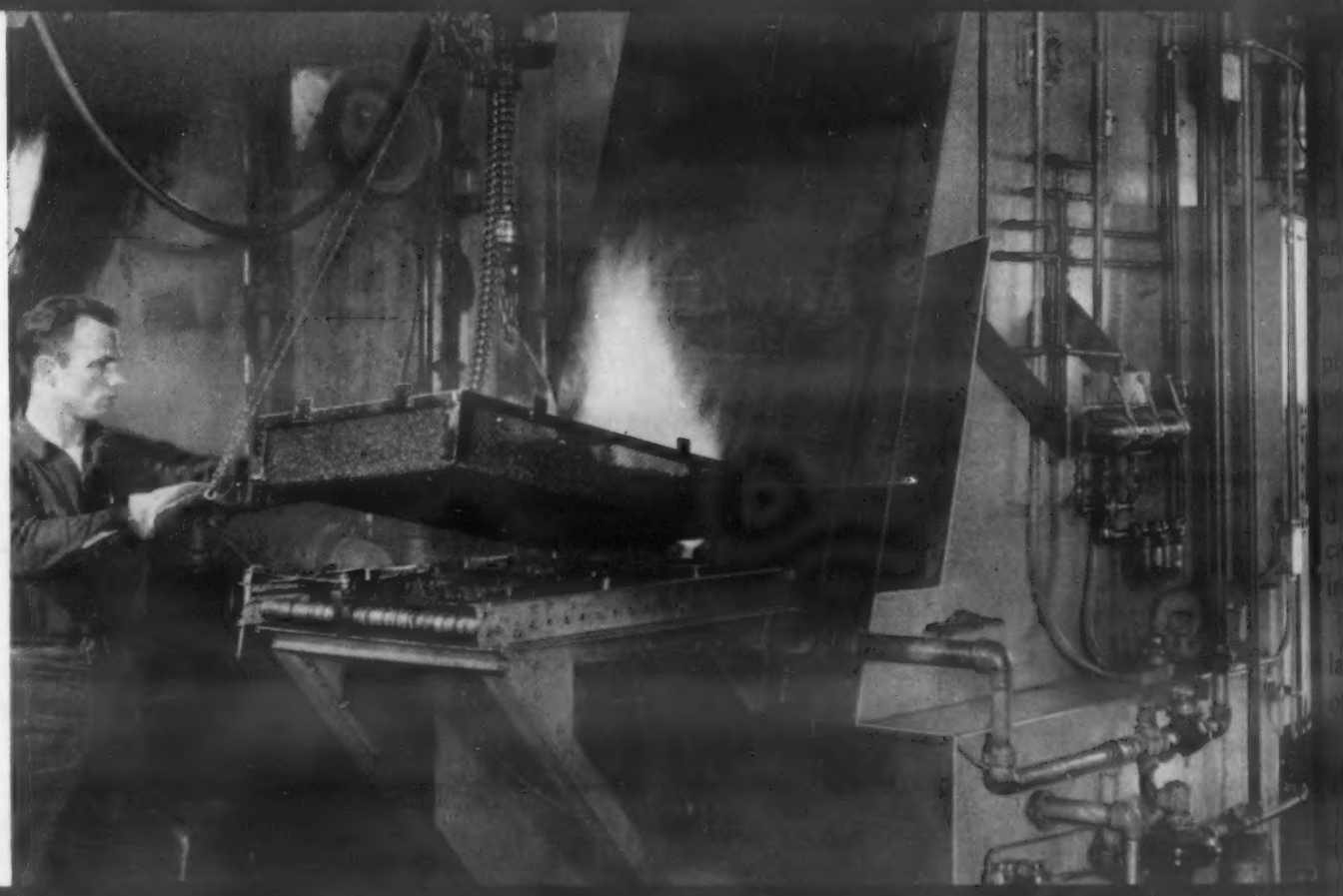
ALLIED

New Lindberg electric furnace with CORRTHERM element at Allied Metal Treating Corporation, Kenosha, Wisconsin. This furnace is used 24 hours a day, 6 days a week, for carbonitriding, clean hardening pinion gears, hardening crank shafts after carburizing and carburizing small gears and shafts.

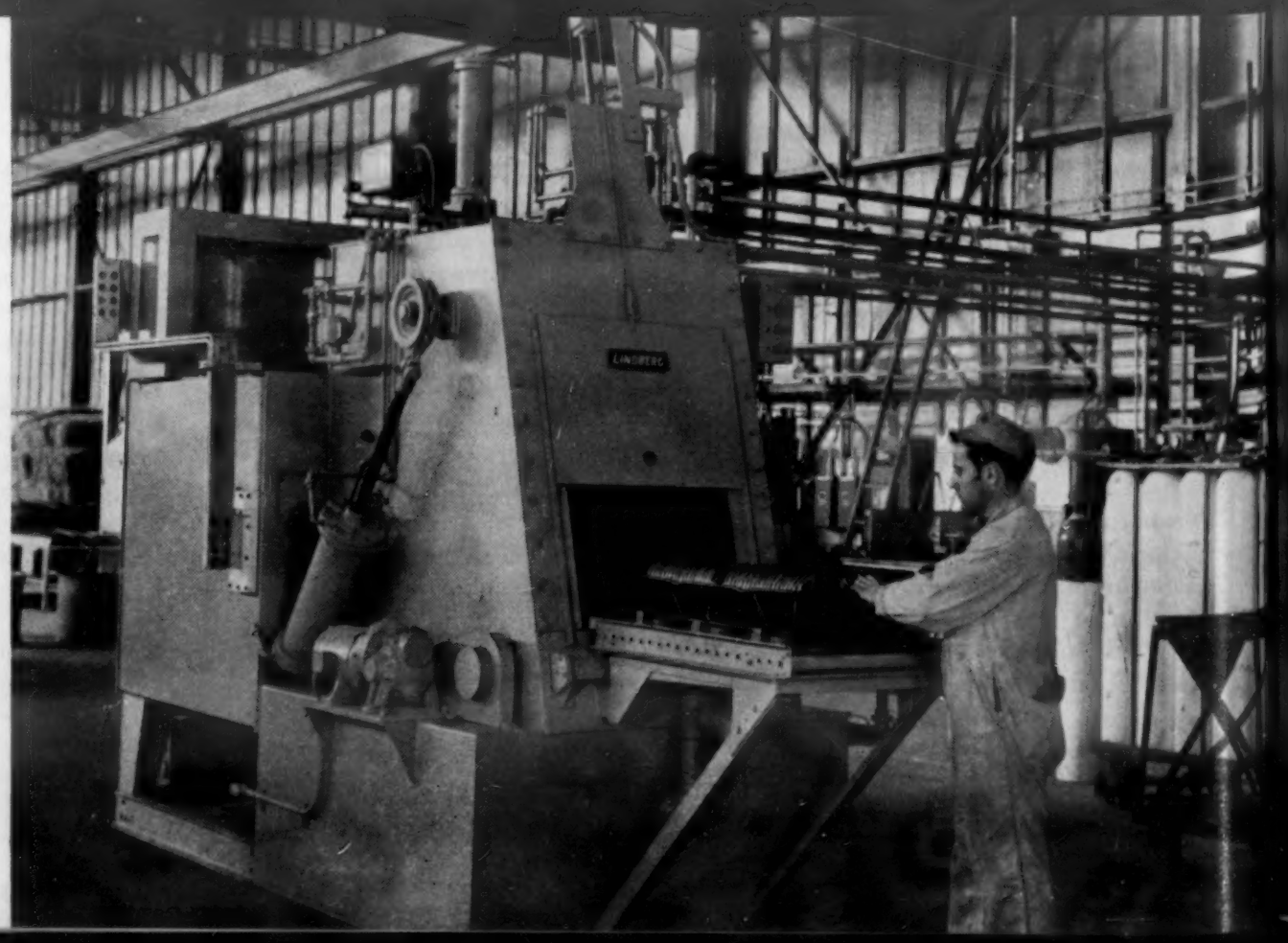
EKLUND

Installation of new Lindberg furnace with CORRTHERM electric element at Eklund Metal Treating, Inc., Rockford, Illinois. Furnace used 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for carburizing gears and machine tool parts, carbonitriding sheet metal screws and automotive parts, and hardening and tempering bolts.



PERFECTION

Lindberg electric furnace with CORRTHERM element just installed at Perfection Tool & Metal Heat Treating Company's Lombard, Illinois plant. This furnace is being used 24 hours a day, 6 days a week, for carbonitriding and carburizing parts for automotive and farm implement industries.



COMMERCIAL HEAT-TREATERS QUICK TO ADOPT LINDBERG ELECTRIC CARBONITRIDING FURNACES WITH NEW CORRTHERM HEATING ELEMENT

s significant that commercial heat-treaters, always in the lead in the eptance and development of better heat-treating methods, have been ong the first to appreciate the revolutionary advantages of Lindberg's wly announced CORRTHERM electric heating element.

Recent Lindberg CORRTHERM-equipped furnace installations in nts of three leading midwestern commercial heat-treaters are shown the opposite page.

Where electricity is the preferred source of heat Lindberg furnaces h CORRTHERM provide to the fullest degree the versatility and pendability required in efficient commercial heat-treating. Ideal for rbonitriding, they are readily applicable to other processes—carburiz-, carbon restoration, bright hardening or annealing, and normalizing.

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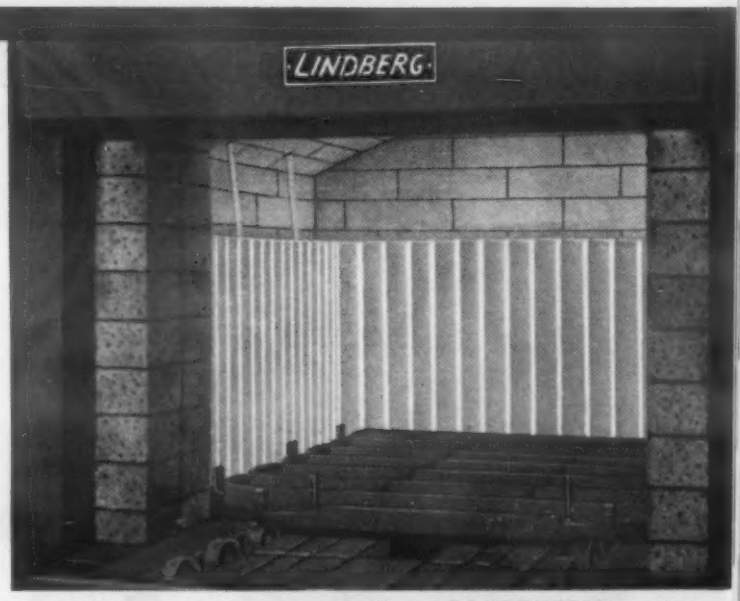
Low voltage—operates at extremely low voltage. No leakage through carbon saturation.

Atmosphere Circulation—elements act as baffle to direct circulation of convection streams.

Safety—extremely low voltage eliminates shock or short hazards.

Durability—watts density at all time low. Element practically indestructible.



This shows how the new Lindberg CORRTHERM electric heating element fills the furnace with walls of glowing heat. Note also that CORRTHERM is conveniently hung from simple brackets requiring no complicated connections or construction.

CORRTHERM is an exclusive Lindberg development created in Lindberg laboratories by Lindberg metallurgists and engineers. To find out how its advantages can be applied to your heat-treating processes consult your nearest Lindberg Field Representative. (Look in classified phone book.)

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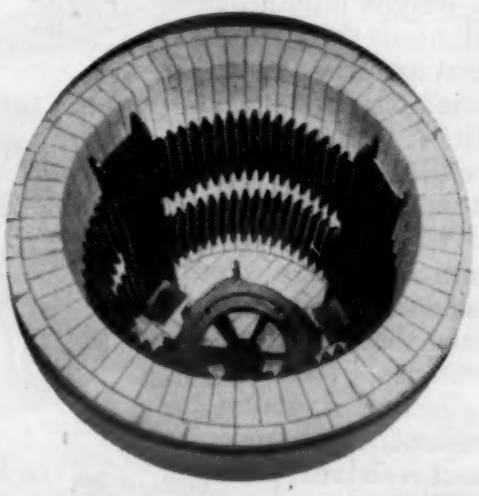
Installation of CORRTHERM elements in one of two large rotary furnaces just erected in the field by Lindberg's associate company, Lindberg Industrial Corporation.



Installation of Lindberg CORRTHERM-equipped carburizing pit-type furnace in plant of Lindberg Steel Treating Co., Melrose Park, Ill.

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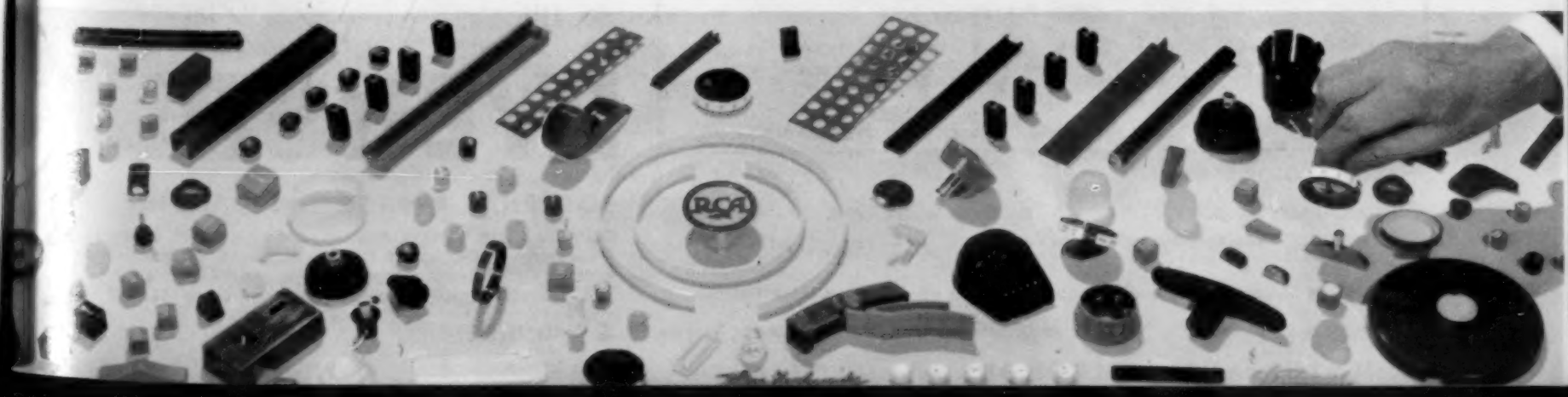

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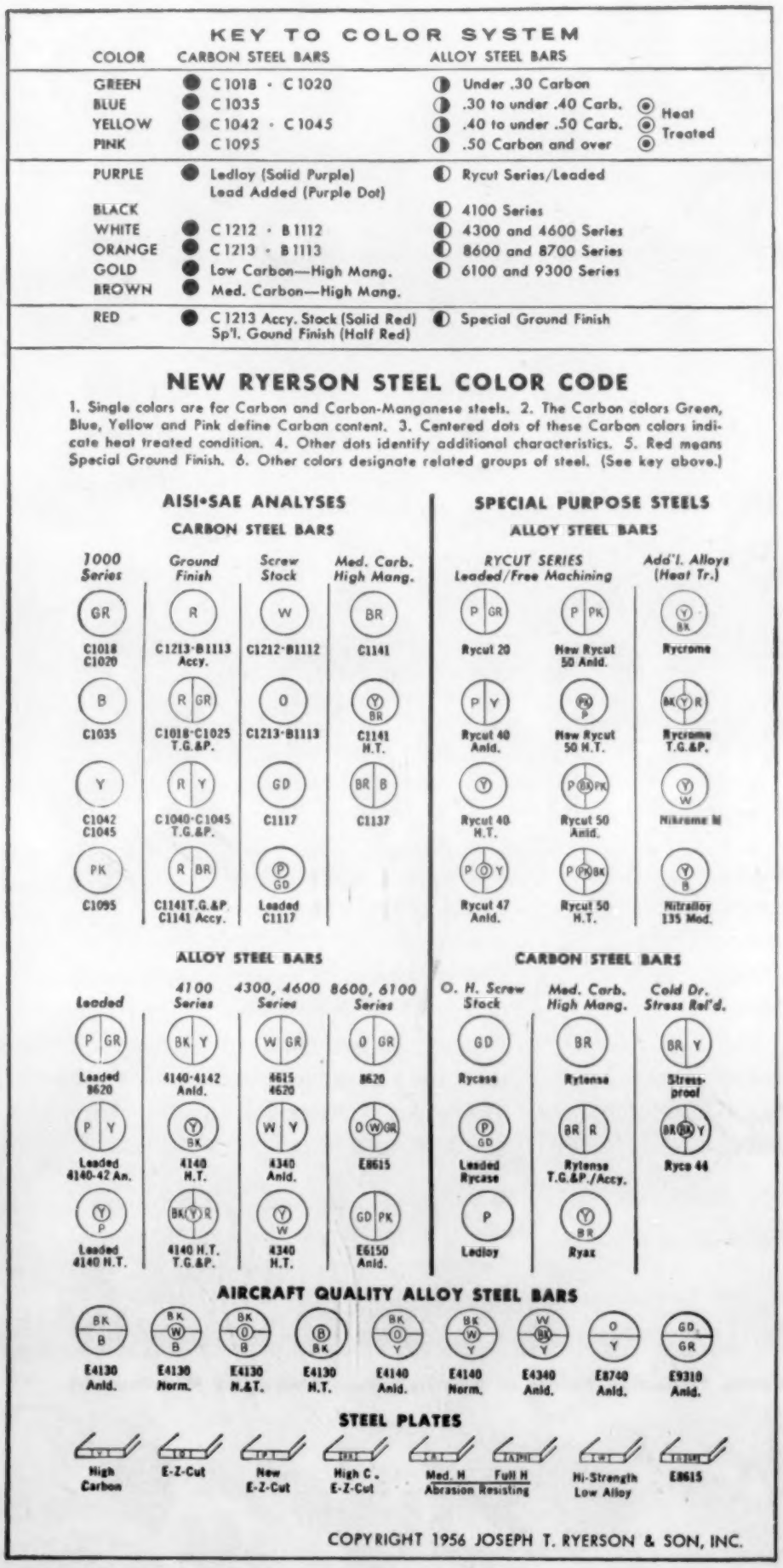

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KEY TO COLOR SYMBOLS:

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B—BLUE BR—BROWN GR—GREEN P—PURPLE R—RED Y—YELLOW

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One point of view

Industry-Wide Materials Qualification

There are few users and suppliers of materials today who aren't faced with the problem of qualification testing. Before users place an order, they must be assured that the supplier can produce materials that will meet their specifications. Either each user must run tests on the materials or the supplier must prove his material to each user, separately. Either way results in excessive duplication of effort.

Perhaps the solution to the problem is the plan offered by Charles M. Miller, Materials Engineer at Northrop Aircraft, in the April issue of the *SAE Journal*. (See also M&M, Apr '56, p 13.) He proposes that a materials qualification agency be set up to establish and maintain approved materials lists. Such lists would be based on test data obtained either by the agency or by established laboratories engaged by the agency. Both users and suppliers could submit materials for approval. The company submitting the material would pay a fee to cover the costs of testing.

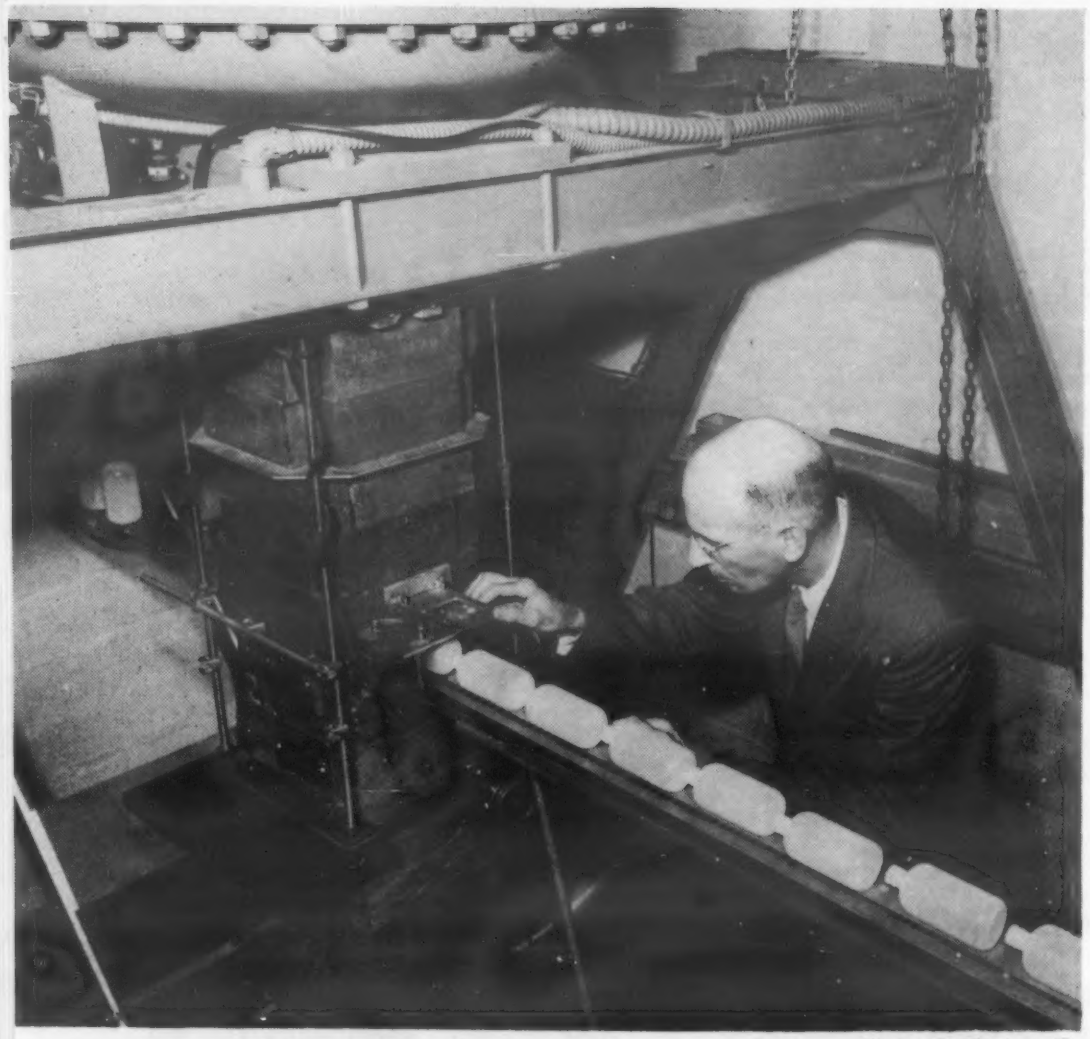
An approval or certification by such a central qualification agency would indicate that the material could be produced to specification and, therefore, no further qualification testing by individual companies would be required. But a certification would be no guarantee of the quality of material actually purchased or delivered. Each user would still have to perform regular acceptance tests on incoming materials.

Government procurement agencies have been using such a plan successfully for a number of years. The plan is based on Qualified Products Lists. These lists include the names of suppliers whose materials or products have passed specified qualification tests and are eligible for purchase without further qualification testing. Certification of electrical and electronic equipment by the Underwriters Laboratory is another example of industry-wide qualification procedures.

Mr. Miller is recommending the plan specifically for the aircraft industry, and the Society of Automotive Engineers is now canvassing its members to get their reactions on the matter. However, there is no reason why the same basic idea would not be workable in many other product manufacturing industries.

Perhaps the best equipped organization for establishing and administering a central qualification agency serving all of industry is the American Society for Testing Materials. It is an impartial society composed of both materials users and suppliers. The scope and nature of the ASTM's present work and its experience with testing and specifications eminently suit this group for the job.

The need for a central qualification agency is clearly evident. The ASTM would be doing industry a great service if it would take hold of this idea and see what can be done.



General Electric Co.

***Irradiation** is now commercially applied only to polyethylene.*

Highlights of

Progress in Plastics

in materials,
in engineering data,
in applications

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In the two years since the 6th Plastics Show, engineers and designers have benefited from an increasingly basic approach taken toward plastics as engineering materials. Here are the high spots in developments in this diversified field.

■ The plastics industry is getting basic. In the past two years, development work has concentrated more on understanding and modifying resins and applying them intelligently than on producing entirely new materials.

The major developments have involved alteration of resin production processes and alteration of fabrication methods to get improved end properties. Also, the blending of resins with other materials to obtain desired properties has increased.

Plastics engineering data are slow in accumulating primarily due to lack of reproducibility of materials, and lack of standardization of test methods and interpretation. But standards, always slow in developing, are being established, and there is some evidence that a greater percentage of research and development money is being spent on basic research rather than on empirical testing only.

As a result of greater understanding of plastics materials and their engineering properties, plastics are being used more and more as structural materials. Applications are becoming more functional. Though the engineering information on most materials is far from complete, many of the gaps have been filled.

Materials

Polyethylene

Probably the most widely publicized advance in thermoplastics has been the development of high density (also called linear or low pressure) polyethylenes. With the advent of these materials and others more recently developed by Du Pont and ICI, polyethylene resins with densities ranging from 0.911 to 0.96 g per cc will soon be available to engineers.

Density is a measure of crystallinity which affects stiffness and heat resistance, and to a lesser extent, tensile and yield strength, elongation, hardness and other properties. Generally, as density increases stiffness and temperature resistance increase, as well

as tensile and compressive strengths. Elongation and impact strength decrease. The new materials have boosted temperature resistance available in polyethylene to about 260 F and stiffness moduli up to a maximum of 140,000 psi.

The break-through into the high density field was accomplished independently by Karl Ziegler of Germany and the Phillips Chemical Co. in this country. Each developed a method of polymerizing ethylene at low pressures (under 500 psi) using metallic catalysts, as opposed to the conventional high pressure method using oxygen as a catalyst. Initial conjecture on low pressure polymerization systems indicated that eventually costs of materials produced would be lower than those of materials produced by high pressure systems. But lower costs are complicated by catalyst extraction—a problem that may prove tough to whip.

Heterogeneous polymerization

Potential application of the new "low pressure" production method is much wider than the initial flurry over polyethylene indicates. It opens the door on the so-called heterogeneous phase of polymerization as opposed to the conventional homogeneous phases. The method shows good potential for polymerizing all types of addition polymers such as vinyls, styrene, propylene and butylene, and alcohols. G. Natta of the Milan Polytechnic Institute is currently working under the auspices of Montecatini on the polymerization problems involved in this method. The first broad interest expressed in this country, has been the recent announcement by M. W. Kellogg of a Phillips license for the purpose of studying production of the whole polyolefin family of plastics.

Irradiation

Another important development in thermoplastics, immediately applicable to polyethylene, is irradiation of polymers. The broad subject of effects of irradiation on organic polymers is being studied, but most commercial work has centered on polyethylene. Its effects on polyethylene are: 1) an ordinarily thermoplastic material becomes an infusible thermoset which exhibits form stability at temperatures up to 350 F; 2) seems to improve dielectric strength at 230 F and up; 3) improves resistance to stress-cracking; 4) the material becomes elastomeric at elevated temperatures; and 5) improves solvent resistance at elevated temperatures.

Limitations of irradiated polyethylene are: 1) it cannot be molded or extruded; it must first be formed, then irradiated; 2) shapes are limited in section thickness and color; and 3) it is not much stronger at room temperature, nor is it more resistant to heat-aging than non-irradiated polyethylene.

Currently it is being produced by G-E as tape; by Anchor Plastics as extruded tubing, rods and other shapes; and by American Agile as laboratory-ware such as beakers.

Thermoplastic sheet

Developments in both materials and forming methods account for the growth of interest in thermoplastic sheet. Replacing cast or calendered sheet with relatively low cost extruded sheet has allowed use of termoplastic sheet in applications previously uneconomical. At the same time, the development of automatic, rapid cycle forming machines has made sheet molding more practical for longer range production. All the methods have low forming pressures in common, thus low-cost molds and equipment. The most commonly used materials are polystyrenes and styrene copolymers, cellulose acetate, cellulose acetate butyrate, vinyl chloride-acetate copolymers, rigid polyvinyl chloride and the acrylics.

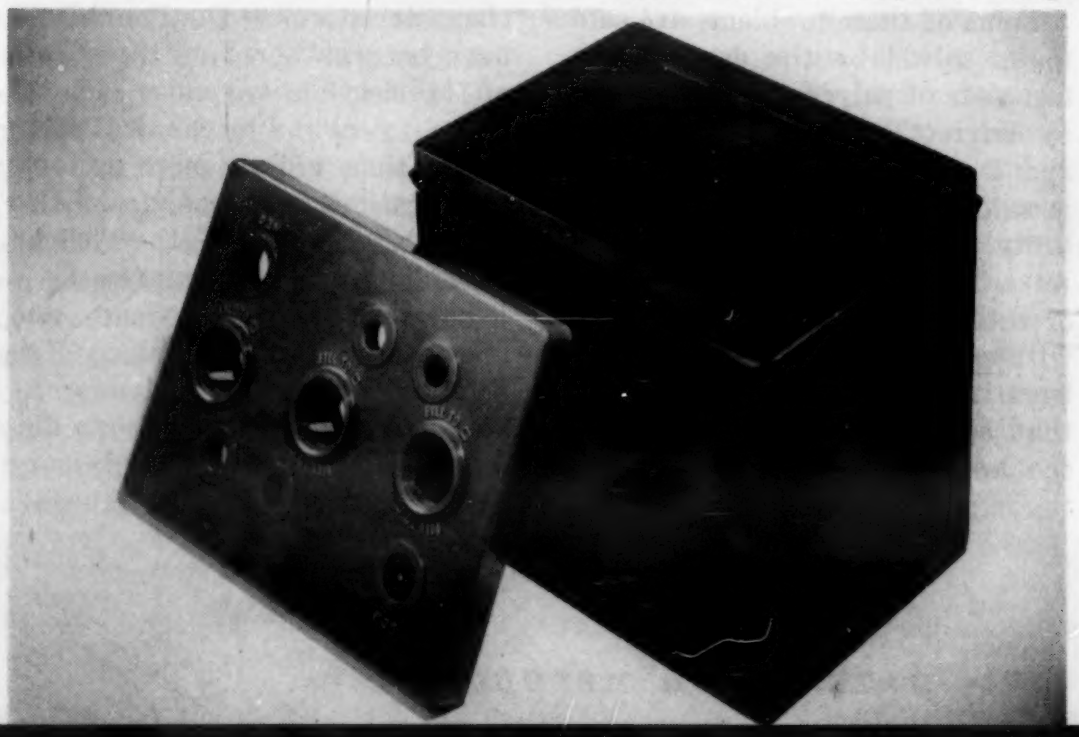
Polystyrene

Sometimes called the "pig iron" of the plastics industry, polystyrene has become glamorous. Copolymers such as styrene-acrylonitrile; "alloys" such as styrene-acrylonitrile-butadiene and rubber-styrene copolymer blends; oriented polystyrene; and substituted styrenes such as polymethylstyrene and its copolymer, methylstyrene-acrylonitrile all are aimed primarily at improving the major drawbacks of polystyrene, i.e., brittleness and poor resistance to temperatures.

The styrene-acrylonitrile-butadiene materials raise Izod impact values from the fractional level associated with polystyrene to as high as 6 ft-lb per in. of notch, while impact strength of the rubber-styrene copolymer alloys (combination of butadiene-styrene and styrene acrylonitrile) is raised to about 10 ft-lb per in. notch. Oriented (pre-stretched) polystyrene developed by Plax Corp. has an Izod impact

Modifications of styrene *have provided wide ranges of properties. This high temperature, modified polystyrene battery case is said to have good heat resistance, impact strength and can be produced in a wide range of colors.*

General American Transportation Corp.



strength of about 3 ft-lb per in. of notch, but modulus of elasticity in tension is increased to 460,000 psi and tensile strength is boosted to about 10,000 psi. This compares with moduli ranging from 250,000 to 350,000 psi and tensile strength values of 2500 to 4500 psi for the modified styrenes.

The major break-through in temperature resistance would seem to be injection molding compounds of polymethylstyrene and its copolymer developed by American Cyanamid. The material is a substituted styrene polymer produced by the condensation of toluene and acetylene to form ditolylethanes, which are cracked to yield methylstyrene and toluene.

The material produced in this manner possesses a high percentage of the ortho isomer which contributes the most to heat resistance. ASTM heat distortion point (264 psi) is 203 F and the unstressed material is said to distort only 0.060 in. after 15 min in boiling water. Flexural modulus of elasticity is 400,000 psi for polymethylstyrene and 460,000 psi for the methylstyrene-acrylonitrile copolymer. Tensile strength is 6600 psi for polymethylstyrene and 9700 psi for the copolymer.

Polyamides

The major news in the nylon field is its wide use for mechanical parts (See Applications). However, there are several new nylons which offer greater design flexibility. There have always been a number of problems in molding nylon. It is highly susceptible to moisture and temperature conditions, and its shrinkage characteristics are erratic.

Some of these problems are said to be solved by the development last year of polycaprolactam nylon by Barrett Div., Allied Chemical and Dye. The material (type 6) is said to have controlled crystallinity and a high melt viscosity. As a result, the material can be oriented and extruded, or molded with ease. One of the major problems in extruding nylon has been that at temperatures just above the lowest working temperature, the material becomes so fluid that containment is a problem. The higher molten viscosity of polycaprolactam is said to overcome this problem. Du Pont is also reported to be coming up with an extrudable nylon resin. No details have been disclosed as yet.

Another nylon (type 8) is being produced and sold by Belding Corticelli Industries under a licensing agreement with Du Pont. Because it can be cross-linked by heat or acid, this material can be made thermoplastic or thermosetting. It can be used as a coating, a textile bonding resin, or as an extrusion resin.

A whole new family of polyamide resins, called Versamids, has been developed by General Mills. These materials are produced by the condensation of polymerized linoleic acid with polyamines. Versamids vary from hard, brittle high melting point (180-190 F) resins to relatively low viscosity fluids. Potential applications include various types of coatings, adhesives, casting, potting and laminating resins, and plastic solders and sealants. Most successful present use seems to be in combination with epoxies to form a thermosetting resin for plastics tooling. Versamids cure the epoxy, eliminating the need for toxic catalysts.

Fluorocarbons

The characteristics of tetrafluoroethylene (Teflon) make it a tricky material to form. Primarily it is molded by a process similar to powder metallurgy, i.e., compaction followed by a sintering operation. Main developments of interest to the end user have been the study of Teflon's basic characteristics by Du Pont. Data have been gathered on the effects of fabrication variables on the end physical and mechanical properties thus aiding more reliable specification of properties. Also methods of joining the "slick" material have been improved.

Both tetrafluoroethylene and monochlorotrifluoroethylene (Kel-F, Fluorothene and Polyfluoron) have been made available as dispersion coatings, both temporary (air-dry) and permanent (fused). These coatings now permit the engineer to apply the desirable characteristics of fluorocarbons to specific areas of a product where they are needed.

Other important developments are:

Development by M. W. Kellogg of a method of laminating Kel-F to glass cloth.

Development by Rogers Co. of a method of reinforcing Teflon with glass fibers to provide additional dimensional stability at elevated temperatures.

Development by M. W. Kellogg of a Kel-F rubber for critical service at high temperatures or under severe corrosive conditions.

Epoxies

There is still a great deal to be learned about the chemistry of curing epoxy resins. Conventionally, epoxies are cured with amine catalysts. However, these are toxic, and maximum heat distortion temperatures obtainable with amines is only about 350 F. Other types of hardeners have had varying degrees of success.

One of the most successful seems to be HET Anhydride, developed by Hooker Electrochemical Co. It is said to provide epoxy resins with strength and stiffness at high temperatures, fire resistance, high heat distortion temperatures (ASTM heat distortion points as high as 390 F), and generally excellent physical and mechanical properties. A glass cloth-reinforced laminate tested at 350 F is said to show a flexural strength of 73,500 psi and a modulus of elasticity of 3.33 x 10^6 psi. (HET Anhydride is also said to provide fire resistance when used with polyesters.)

Another major development has been "alloying" epoxies with other resins, such as phenolics, furanes, or with polysulfide liquid polymers. The purpose in the phenolics is to raise the epoxy's temperature resistance. The purpose in furanes is to reduce material costs. The polysulfide liquid polymer adds resilience to the otherwise brittle epoxy casting.

Epoxy molding compounds are now under developmental evalu-

ation by Ciba Co., under license from Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., who developed the material.

Urethanes

A new family of resins, the urethanes, are now under intensive development. They are produced through the reaction of polyisocyanates and alkyds. Currently, urethane foams (See Foams Manual, p 143) are commercially available in rigid, semi-rigid and flexible compositions, with a range of properties. Urethane materials other than foams which are near the threshold of commercial production are: 1) wire varnish and other types of protective and insulating coatings; 2) adhesives; 3) potting compounds; and 4) elastomers. The Europeans, well ahead of the U.S., have been using isocyanate-base coatings and other materials for several years.

Premix molding

"Gunk molding" has been previously confined to small polyester parts. Being a low-cost, high production molding process, it is gaining wider use for forming large mass produced moldings where maximum strength is not needed. In general, the process offers the following advantages: 1) complex parts can be produced economically; 2) fast production is possible because of shorter press cycles; 3) preforms are not needed; 4) correct charge can be weighed out accurately; 5) proportions of resin, fiber and filler can be maintained closely; and 6) a great variety of inexpensive reinforcing materials can be used.

Silicones

Though silicones are not plastics, silicone resins are used as plastics materials, and several developments bear mentioning. 1) With the development of silicone laminating resins several years ago, increased interest has been paid to methods of fabricating reinforced silicone parts. In addition to hand lay up techniques, vacuum bag laminating may be used, provided the characteristics of the materials are considered in preparing the molding. 2) High pressure silicone laminates developed by Formica Co. have the temperature resistance associated with silicones. The materials are particularly recommended for printed circuit use.

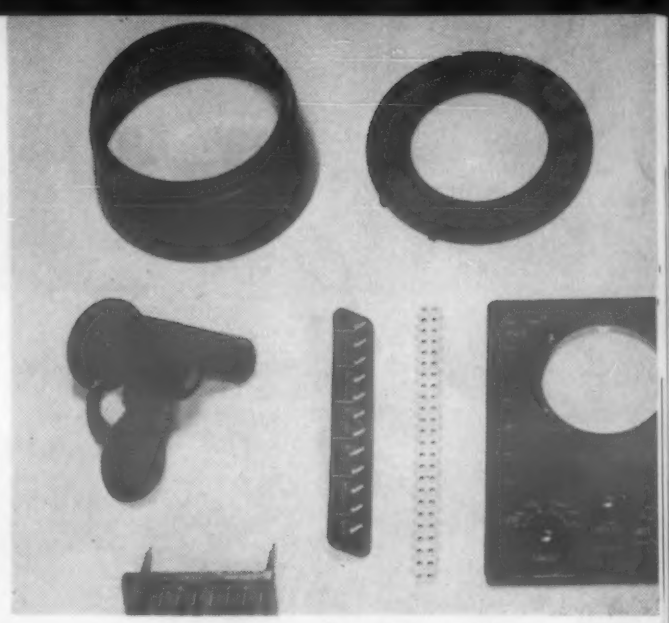
DAP

Diallyl phthalate molding compounds are new materials which have not been completely evaluated commercially. They are presently being produced by Mesa Plastics, Durez, and Acme Resin. Fillers used with various compounds include minerals, synthetic fibers, Orlon, Dacron, asbestos and glass. The materials are primarily of interest for their dielectric characteristics. They have good resistance to moisture and humidity, high dielectric strength, low dielectric loss, good arc resistance, and high dimensional stability.

Reinforcement

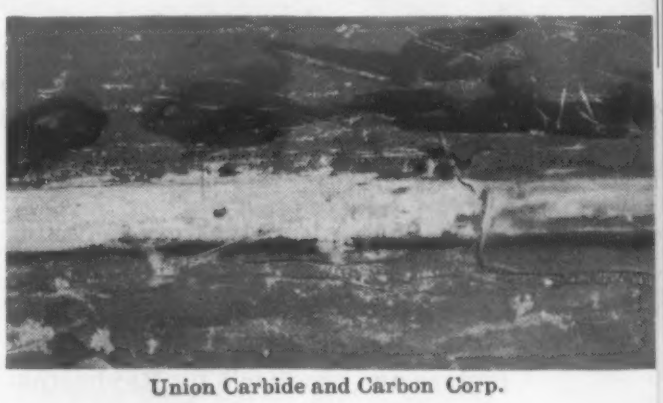
Glass has been the standby of the reinforced plastics industry. In the past two years there has been a wider diversification in forms in which it is being used. For low pressure laminates, resin-bonded mat and mechanically bonded mat have broadened the range of properties available in laminates. In molding compounds, in addition to chopped strand, the development of glass in flake form would seem to offer interesting possibilities. Work done to date indicates that flake can provide substantial improvements in electrical properties of polyesters, and improvements in strength and stiffness characteristics of polyethylene.

As a rule, finishes for glass cloth have been somewhat specialized, and a finish is selected on the basis of the resin used to impregnate the glass. An interesting development is the universal glass finish which can be used with polyesters, epoxies and phenolics. Announced by the Naval Ordnance Laboratory and called NOL 24, it is a halosilane finish, a product of the reaction between allyltrichlorosilane and resorcinol. Previously good strength characteristics had been obtained with epoxy and phenolic resins. Now success has been obtained with polyesters.



Mesa Plastics Co.

***DAP molding materials** shown in electrical and electronic parts.*



Union Carbide and Carbon Corp.

***Dynel overlay** provides improvements in abrasion, chemical and weather resistance of glass-reinforced plastics. Section of dinghy keel at right shows protection offered to glass-reinforced laminate (uncovered at left).*

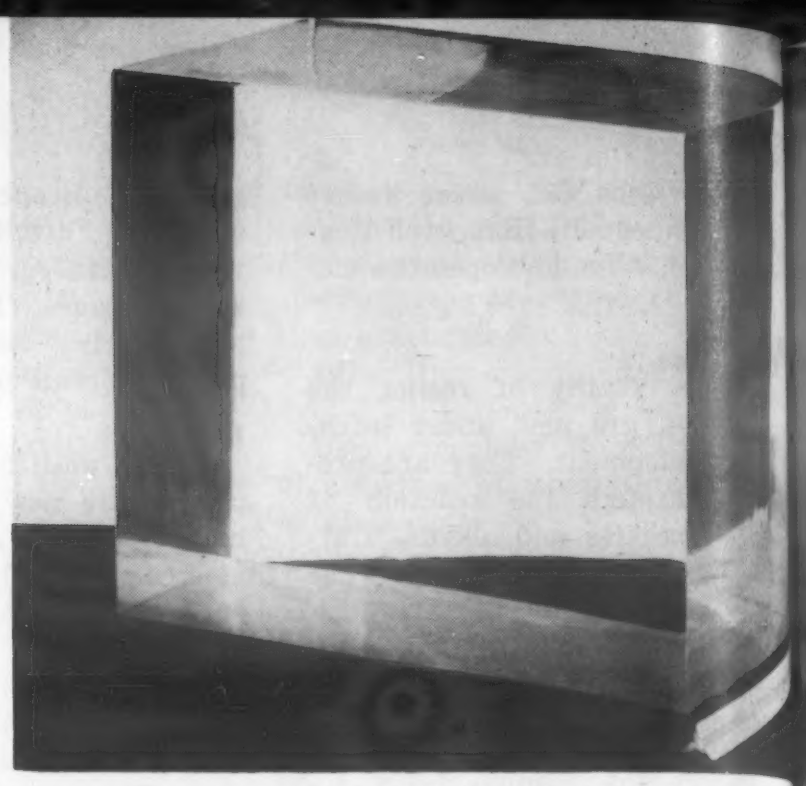
Largely due to the supply situation, asbestos has not found much use as a reinforcing material for low pressure laminates in this country. Most of the development work on asbestos to date has been in England, where it has been used successfully for some time. However, there has been increasing interest in this country in applications for asbestos, as well as for other non-glass reinforcing materials for low pressure laminates.

Advantages of asbestos in this application are: 1) better retention of strength at elevated temperatures (though asbestos laminates have somewhat lower strength at room temperature than glass); 2) better stiffness than glass at both room and elevated temperatures; 3) asbestos is readily bondable to other materials; 4) cost is less than glass.

Primary work has been with phenolics, though some has also

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.

***Nylon** has been engineered into more and more bearing applications. Types shown illustrate possibilities.*



Cadillac Plastic and Chemical Co.

***Transparency of acrylics** is causing their wide use in optical applications. This cast acrylic sheet is 10 in. thick.*

been done on polyesters, epoxies and silicones. Preimpregnated felts are being produced by Turner Bros. Asbestos Co., and felts and papers are produced by Raybestos-Manhattan.

Other work on non-glass reinforcing materials in the low pressure laminate field has concentrated on synthetics such as acrylics, polyesters, acetates, rayon and nylon, and natural fibers such as sisal. The major advantage of synthetic fiber reinforcing would seem to be in improving chemical resistance, at sacrifice of strength.

Union Carbide and Carbon has done extensive research work on investigating use of Dynel as an overlay for glass to improve chemical and abrasion resistance in low pressure, and in some high pressure, laminates. The material in either cloth or non-woven form is laid up just as another layer of glass would be, impregnated, and the entire laminate cured. Possibilities of the material are graphically illustrated by immersing Dynel and glass fibers in boiling hydrochloric acid (15%) for 4 hr. After this time, glass roving suffers a 36.4% weight loss; with Dynel, weight loss is 1.7%.

An interesting development in reinforcing silicone rubber has been the development by G-E of a tear resistant material reinforced with Teflon. The Teflon is added as a powder during compounding. The shear action of the rolls breaks down the granules into long threads which reinforce the silicone rubber.

Foams

There has been a great deal of interest and some misinformation about plastics foams, or expanded plastics. The truth is that these materials are so new that there is relatively little engineering information available on them. The SPI has established a Cellular Plastics Division to help guide development of more information and standardization in the field.

Current commercial interest centers about the foamed polystyrenes, vinyls and urethanes. Other expanded resins which are available include phenolics, silicones, polyethylene, cellulose acetate, epoxy and urea formaldehyde resins. Complete information on foams is presented in this month's Manual on p 143.

Engineering Data and Standards

The greatest indication of the growing maturity of the plastics industry is the direction research work has taken in developing engineering data and standards. Originally most of the experimental work on plastics was of an empirical nature. Though there is still a great deal of this necessary work, there is evidence that an increasing amount of experimental work is aimed at studying basic characteristics of materials. Since the nature of some plastics makes reproducibility of properties difficult, and test procedures as a whole are somewhat unsatisfactory, this work is vital.

Time and temperature dependent properties

With the increased use of plastics in structural applications, the need for information on time-dependent properties of plastics has increased. Standard data sheets listing static properties of materials are insufficient for confident engineering and design. More workers are currently concentrating on study of creep (cold flow), stress-rupture, and fatigue characteristics of plastics, particularly reinforced plastics. Though several papers have been delivered on the subject, unfortunately there is little definitive data available as yet.

Illustrating this trend in research is work done by Fibercast Corp. on stress, creep and other time dependent characteristics of reinforced plastic pipe. Their work

has emphasized the importance of the "glue line" area and the adherence of the resin to the glass. In a paper delivered before the Annual Technical Conference of the SPE this year, H. D. Boggs pointed out that their work led them to the following conclusions on reinforced laminates: 1) resins control the long term strengths; 2) glass reinforcement operates to reinforce the resin up to the point at which the glass-to-resin bond fails; 3) factors influencing creep are stress, time and temperature, an increase in any one of which will accelerate creep to failure; and 4) for sound structural laminates, resins must have a modulus of elasticity in excess of 3,500,000 to 4,500,000 psi, ability to elongate 0.9 to 1.2% without failing or reaching their elastic limit, and retain adhesion and a modulus of 2,500,000 psi minimum at 200 F. Also, the resin must have controlled cross-linking to prevent residual shrinkage stresses in the resin body.

Difficulties due to lack of reproductibility in materials were pointed out by workers at Westinghouse reporting on preliminary work on creep characteristics of reinforced laminates at temperatures up to 600 F. The work covered phenolic, melamine, silicone and polyester resins with glass, asbestos and cotton reinforcements. In their paper delivered before the Annual Technical and Management Conference of the Reinforced Plastics Div. of the SPI this year, H. R. Sheppard, Jr., and E. H. VanAntwerp pointed out the variability of reinforced plastics materials as indicated by wide variations in test results on samples of material obtained from the same sheet of material.

Test methods

Though there are a large number of tests which have been standardized by the ASTM, the major problem in the plastics field is determining what test results mean. Are they only valid on a comparative basis, or are they indicative of behavior of materials in actual use? Major developments in test techniques and test interpretation have been in modification of tests or combinations of tests to provide more realistic results.

A good illustration of this trend is Monsanto's work in toughness tests for plastics. They have developed a combination of tests for more accurately measuring "toughness" of injection molded styrene and similar materials. In brief, it consists of combining Izod tests with falling ball impact tests on tile specimens. Du Pont has advocated use of tensile impact testing as an inexpensive method of gathering more reliable impact strength data. The test consists of a modification of the Izod machine so that the sample is broken in tension. The method also has the advantage that the test sample need not be rigid, allowing tape or film to be tested on the same apparatus as rigid specimens.

Another illustration is the investigation by G-E of the Prot accelerated fatigue test as a method of determining endurance limits of plastics. Preliminary work with simple polymer systems seems promising.

Standards

Development of standards is always a slow process. However, in the last two years, the following commercial standards have been developed under SPI auspices:

Department of Commerce (Recorded voluntary standards of the trade).

CS197-54 Dimensions and Tolerances for Flexible Standard-Wall Polyethylene Pipe.
CS201-55 Rigid Polyvinyl Chloride Sheets.

National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)

Standards for General-Purpose Grade GPO-1 Polyester Glass-Mat Sheet Laminates. (Covers a general purpose grade laminate to be used for both mechanical and electrical applications.)

National Sanitation Foundation

Identification Program. (Program for applying NSF seal of approval to plastic pipe, thus identifying it for use in drinking water field.)

Proposed industry specifications and standards presently being developed by the SPI include:

Thermoplastic Pipe Div.:

Polyethylene pipe, 75 psi and 100 psi.
Solvent welded polyethylene pipe.
Polyvinyl chloride pipe.
Heavy duty Saran pipe.

Garden Hose Div.:

Garden hose standard on dimensions and tolerances and test methods to determine performance.

Thermoplastic Structures Div.:

Polyethylene sheet.
Fabricated materials specifications on fluorocarbons.

Cellular Plastics Div.:

Specifications and methods of test for polyvinyl chloride foam or copolymers thereof.
Industry performance standards and specifications on flexible and rigid urethane foams.

Applications

Greater understanding of the chemistry of plastics coupled with development of more reliable engineering data have contributed to the growth of plastics as structural materials. The most graphic examples are plastics pressure vessels, sandwich construction, bearings and pipe.

Pressure vessels

Developed by the Chemical Corp., pressure vessels of glass reinforced polyester resin are designed for operating pressures of around 2000 psi and minimum burst pressures of around 6000 psi. Main advantages they offer over metal are: 1) lighter weight for a given capacity; 2) greater variety of economical shapes; and 3) corrosion resistance. They also offer a good combination of impact strength, dimensional stability and resistance to weather and temperature extremes.

Major limitations on their use are: 1) without close control, heterogeneity of material can cause problems which become evident in end products, and 2) more specific engineering data on reinforced laminates are necessary for continuous production of reliable designs. Also under study are 1) use of various types of metal liners; 2) use of other forms of glass and of other reinforcing

materials; and 3) use of other types of binder resins, such as epoxy.

Sandwich structures

Two components of sandwich panels can be constructed of various types of plastics materials. They are: 1) the core, which may be a plastics foam or reinforced plastics laminate in honeycomb form; and 2) the faces which may be of a variety of types of reinforced plastics laminates. Plastics cores have been combined with plastics laminate faces, or with metal, plywood or other types of sheet materials. On the other hand, plastics laminate faces have been combined with a variety of core materials.

The various possible combinations provide the engineer with a wide range of properties and characteristics. Some of the more important advantages available include: 1) good strength-to-weight ratio; 2) cost reduction; 3) simplified construction; 4) greater strength or stiffness; 5) thermal insulation; 6) fire resistance; 7) moisture or water resistance; and 8) vibration or sound deadening.

Possibly the most important application of plastics sandwich structures is in the aircraft field as a light weight strong material. Therefore, there has been increasing emphasis on improving the high temperature resistance of the material. Primary interest in higher temperature plastics sandwich structures (300-500 F range) has centered on the TAC-modified polyester, silicone, and phenolic resins. Polyesters are used as reinforced honeycomb or facings, the silicones either as reinforced facings, honeycombs or foam cores, and the phenolics either as high-pressure laminate facings or as foam cores.

Bearings

Nylon and Teflon have assumed an important place for themselves in the bearing field. A substantial amount of research and development work now permits reliable design of the materials from both the frictional and mechanical standpoint. Filled Teflon formulations have been developed to provide additional wear resistance to couple with Teflon's low coefficient of friction. To combine nylon's good frictional characteristics with the high dimensional stability of metals, an efficient method of coating metal parts with nylon has been developed independently by the Polymer Corp. and American Agile. The process consists of dipping preheated parts in a bed of nylon powder, which is agitated by pressurized air.

One of the most recent developments in the use of Teflon for bearings is an impregnated material developed by Glacier Metal Co., Ltd. of England. It consists of a steel backing with porous bronze face which is impregnated with Teflon, thus providing 1) a plastic surface with the desirable frictional characteristics as well as chemical and wear resistance, and 2) the high dimensional stability offered by the bronze.

Pipe

Use of plastics pipe has assumed large proportions in the last two years. The development of reliable fabricating methods and realistic engineering information has permitted sound designing of plastics pipe. Plastics of most commercial interest for pipe are polyethylene, rigid polyvinyl chloride (PVC), cellulose acetate butyrate and styrene-acrylonitrile copolymers. Use of vinylidene chloride (Saran) as structural pipe has decreased recently; however, it does have an established market as a pipe lining material. Glass-reinforced polyester and epoxy pipe is used where high working pressures and temperature resistance are required. Phenolic asbestos pipe is used where an extreme range of corrosion resistance properties and wide operating temperature range are necessary; however, it must be designed for lower working pressures. Other resins of interest are: 1) nylon; 2) tetrafluoroethylene (Teflon) though present costs are high; and 3) methyl methacrylate, used for special applications where transparency is desirable.

Other applications

Other important applications too numerous to discuss here are:

Reinforced plastics are being used for machine and instrument housings.

Expanding use of vinyl polymers and copolymers as sheet, film, foams, slush molded products, and plastisol coatings stems from refinements of formulation and improvement in mechanized fabrication methods. Methods of laminating vinyl sheet to metal, reinforced plastics and other materials permit combining the properties of vinyl with those of other materials.

Packaging with plastics film and sheet is finding ever-widening acceptance primarily due to improvements in forming and manufacturing techniques.

Optical clarity of cast acrylic materials is being used by replacing glass with acrylic in camera viewers and instrumentation of all types as well as in glazing applications.

Colorability of urea and melamine molding materials has expanded their use in saleable consumer items, such as tableware.

High dielectric characteristics of a variety of alkyd molding compounds has stimulated their use in molded parts in the electrical manufacturing industry.

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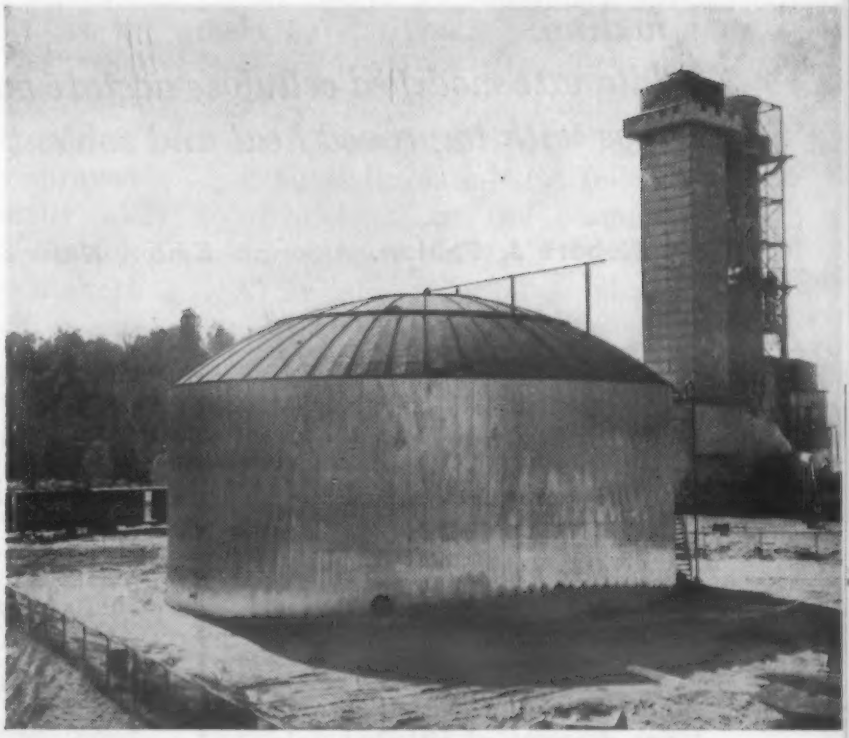
Aluminum-cellular glass sandwich walls

Aluminum and cellular glass "sandwich" walls were used to construct a bottling plant for Duquesne Brewing Co. in Pittsburgh. Wall is only 3½ in. thick and yet has a heat transmission coefficient of 0.18. Foamglas blocks, made by Pittsburgh Corning Corp., were placed against the back up strip of aluminum ribbed siding and temporarily secured with Armstrong 340 cement. Facing aluminum sheet was set in place and holes drilled through it, the insulation, back up sheet and steel supporting members.

Sealed glass cells of the cellular glass are impervious to moisture and the ribs of the aluminum serve as miniature "chimneys" to carry off any condensation. The walls weigh 1.1 lb per sq ft and can be dismantled and rebuilt again for building additions.



Stainless steel stores chemicals

Stainless steel tank at Mississippi Chemical Corp. has made operations of its ammonium nitrate fertilizer plant more flexible. Tank, built by Chicago Bridge & Iron Co., is 78 ft in dia, 30 ft high and has a capacity of 25,000 barrels. Outside of tank is insulated with foam glass and the insulation is retained by light gage aluminum on the side walls.

When prilling plant (right background) shuts down, tank stores ammonium nitrate, which permits continued processing of nitric acid into ammonium nitrate solution. Company selected stainless steel, because of its corrosion resistance to ammonium nitrate and the possibility of storing nitric acid in the tank.

New Titanate Coatings

Improve product heat and corrosion resistance

Significant properties of these new finishes include:

- *Aluminum-pigmented titanate paints capable of operating continuously at temperatures up to 1100 F.*
- *Zinc-pigmented titanate paints with marked resistance to atmospheric and salt water corrosion and marine fouling.*
- *Titanate modified cellulose acetate butyrate lacquer coatings with improved heat and solvent resistance.*

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Early Developments

The outstanding property of butyl titanate aluminum coatings is their resistance to high temperatures. Esters of titanium were prepared as far back as 1873, but they found little or no application until 1947 when Australian investigators, working to find new outlets for the large deposits of titanium minerals in their country, discovered that paints based on butyl titanate (an ester of titanium) possessed excellent heat and corrosion resistance.

Numerous applications have been found for these coatings both in Australia and England principally for chimney stacks, heater baffles, automobile mufflers, locomotive fire doors, outboard motor cylinder heads and underwater steel structures. A large number of foreign developments can be traced to the efforts of Peter Spence & Sons Ltd., sole manufacturers of butyl titanate in the United Kingdom. Principal suppliers in the U. S. include the Pigments Dept., E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. and Titanium Pigment Corp., a subsidiary of National Lead Co.

■ Concerted efforts directed toward exploiting the full potential of titanium and its compounds have resulted in the development of new coating materials outstanding for their heat and corrosion resistance. Aluminum-pigmented paints based on butyl titanate (a titanium ester) have proved serviceable at temperatures up to 630 F higher than conventional aluminum paints and have proved superior in many applications to aluminum-pigmented silicone paints. When applied to steel panels, zinc-pigmented butyl titanate coatings have provided corrosion-free operation after immersion in sea water for periods up to two years. Similarly, panels coated with zinc primer and aluminum finishing coats have shown no corrosion after 18 months immersion.

Heat resistant paints

One of the most significant applications of butyl titanate is its use as a vehicle or carrier in heat and corrosion resistant coatings containing aluminum pigments. The superior properties of these coatings derives from an entirely inorganic film formed by the products of hydrolysis of the ester that cements the pigment particles together. Hydrolysis begins immediately after the coating is applied and can be accelerated by exposure to heat. Principal applications to date include coatings for smoke stacks, kilns, breechings, fire doors and other applications where corrodible metal parts are exposed to continuous or intermittent high temperatures.

The butyl titanate aluminum coatings are most effective at temperatures above which ordinary aluminum paints are serviceable. The inorganic coating cannot burn off and is stable up to the melting point of the aluminum pigment—about 1200 F. For practical purposes a temperature of 1100 F is the maximum to which such coatings should be exposed. Heat resistant aluminum paints with conventional media such as phenolic, hydrocarbon, acrylic and urea resins are serviceable only to about 480 F, the point at which the coating begins to char. Some of the more recent silicone resins can be used to about 840 F before decomposition of the resin occurs.

The aluminum film remaining after burning off the organic matter from conventional paints is at best loosely adherent and easily removed. In contrast, the aluminum and titanium dioxide coating deposited with the butyl titanate aluminum paint possesses excellent adhesion and is removed only by severe abrasion. Outstanding resistance to thermal shock also characterizes the coating.

One inherent disadvantage of the aluminum titanate coating is that after being heated it is less resistant than organic coatings to moisture and salt water exposure. This effect can be minimized by careful control of the

relative proportions of butyl titanate and aluminum, an optimum ratio being about 1:1. Generally, smaller quantities of the ester increase moisture protection. If aluminum paste is used then the ratio should be about 1:1.5 (titanate: aluminum) since the paste contains only about 65% aluminum.

To promote a good adhesive bond it is essential that all surfaces be thoroughly cleaned before painting. This is especially important because of the differential expansion that occurs between the base metal and surface coating when heat is applied. Wire brushing alone is not usually sufficient except only on slightly rusted surfaces. Flame cleaning followed by wire brushing has been found to give good results. If this does not work then it may be necessary to degas the metal at 700 F and follow with wire brushing and sanding and a wash in 10% nickel sulfate.

To obtain optimum film properties the dry film thickness per coat should not be more than 0.5 mil. It is particularly important that coatings be thin and uniform, and for this reason spray coating is usually recommended. Volatilization of the organic matter usually takes place when the article is put into service. It is not advisable to "burn off" too many coats simultaneously. Consequently, after the application of two brushed coats or one sprayed coat the surface is usually allowed to air dry for ½ hr and then heated at 750 F for a short time before the next coat is applied to remove all organic matter. The covering power of butyl titanate paints is of the same order as other aluminum paints —about 100 to 125 sq yd per gal

Protection, especially from atmospheric corrosion, depends on the total film thickness. Normally, one coat is sufficient for unexposed surfaces. Where severe corrosion is expected, however, three brushed or two syrayed coats are usually required.

Coatings are rather brittle and metal parts cannot be bent or formed without cracking the paint film. Flexibility for low temperature applications can be increased by the addition of small amounts of a suitable alkyd resin to the formulation.

TYPICAL BUTYL TITANATE PAINT FORMULATIONS

Composition	Weight, %
ALUMINUM PAINT	
Aluminum flake (extra fine)	29.0
Butyl titanate polymer	31.0
10% ethyl cellulose toluene solution	5.0
Mineral turpentine	35.0
ZINC DUST PAINT	
Zinc dust (superfine, vaporized)	55.0
Wet-ground mica	2.5
Butyl titanate polymer	23.0
10% ethyl cellulose solution	2.5
Mineral turpentine	17.0
COPPER OXIDE ANTI-FOULING PAINT	
Cuprous or cupric oxide	23.0
Zinc dust (superfine)	27.0
Wet-ground mica	1.5
Butyl titanate polymer	33.0
10% ethyl celluose solution	1.5
Mineral turpentine	14.0

Corrosion resistant paints

Good corrosion protection for outdoor applications has also been obtained with two coats of a zinc dust pigment butyl titanate primer followed by two coats of the aluminum pigment coating. In one test cited, the outside of a steel chimney stack that operates at 480 to 570 F was cleaned and the following paint systems applied to adjacent panels: Panel A —four coats of aluminum pigment butyl titanate paint; Panel B—four coats of zinc dust pigment butyl titanate paint; and Panel C—two coats of the zinc dust butyl titanate paint followed by two coats of the aluminum butyl titanate paint.

After six months A showed some corrosion. After 12 months A started to flake and B showed some corrosion. After 18 months most of the paint had disappeared from A, some corrosion showed on B, and C was still in excellent condition. No other paint previously used had lasted more than 12 months.

It should be noted that while the zinc-aluminum system provides improved protection from atmospheric corrosion, its heat resistance is not as good as the straight aluminum coating. Up to about 750 F, the aluminum-zinc system is satisfactory, but

***Fig 1** (Left) Effect of acetone 10 sec after being poured on untreated and modified high molecular weight cellulose acetate butyrate films. A dye was incorporated in the acetone as an indicator. Film on left is untreated, film on right contains 10% tetraisopropyl titanate. (Right) Same film after 40 min. The titanated film has swelled slightly but has not dissolved.*

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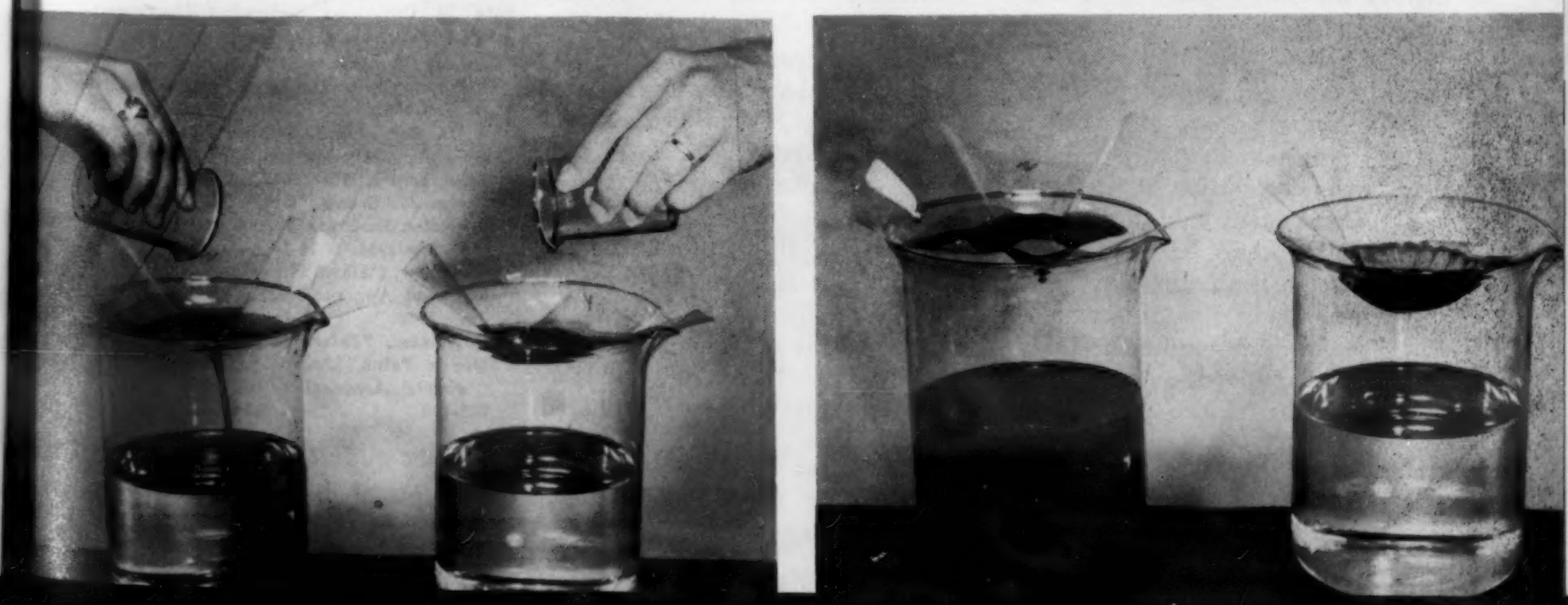

above this point the zinc oxidizes rapidly and causes film failure.

Zinc dust butyl titanate paint on steel also provides extremely good protection against atmospheric and salt water corrosion. In a humidity test conducted at 108 to 118 F and 100% relative humidity, no corrosion was observed over a period of many weeks. Using ASTM salt spray test B117-49T (20% salt solution, 95 F) no corrosion occurred after 30 days. In contrast, conventional primers tested at the same time permitted varying degrees of corrosion, many of them after relatively short time periods.

Steel panels coated with zinc dust butyl titanate paint and exposed just above normal high tide levels have shown corrosion resistance better than panels coated with red lead primer and an aluminum spar varnish finishing coat. Test panels immersed in the sea have exhibited practically no corrosion after two years, and some panels coated with the zinc dust paint as primer and with aluminum finishing coats also showed no corrosion after 18 months immersion. After immersion zinc dust paint films are also much harder than conventional coatings, so hard in fact that they are difficult to remove even by sand blasting.

Protection from marine fouling

The zinc dust butyl titanate coating also possesses excellent anti-fouling properties. The toxicity of zinc compounds toward fouling of marine organisms such as weeds and barnacles is well known, but when used in organic coatings zinc is not usually sufficiently toxic to provide good protection. The completely inorganic layer deposited with the zinc dust butyl titanate coating, produces an inherently porous film with a large surface area that is conducive to the dissolution of the toxicant. Consequently, a high concentration is obtained in the area immediate to the paint film.

Various experimental formulations using the common toxic pigments have demonstrated the superior anti-fouling properties of butyl titanate paints containing equal parts of zinc dust and copper oxide. This coating has successfully resisted marine fouling for periods up to nine months and possesses better hardness and adhesion characteristics than other coatings tested.

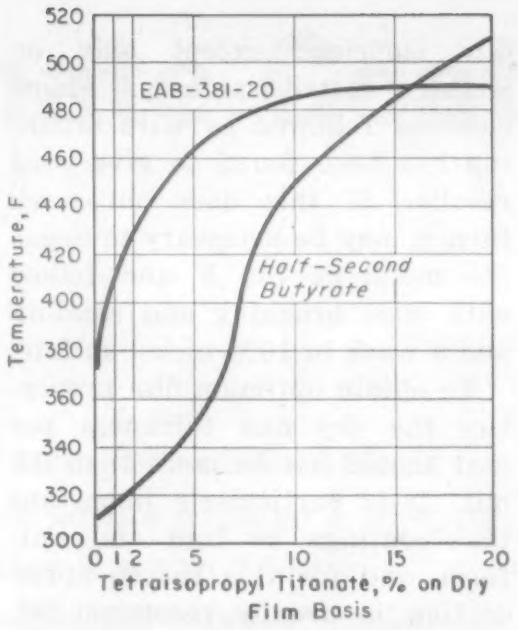

***Fig 2** Effect of concentration of tetraisopropyl titanate on the heat resistance of cellulose acetate butyrate.*

Butyrate coatings

Another significant application of titanium esters is their use in the modification of cellulose acetate butyrate lacquer coatings for improved heat and solvent resistance. The excellent adhesion and hardness of this recently developed lacquer and its resistance to weathering and abrasion has led to its use in a wide variety of applications as a protective coating for metals, paper, wood, plastics, cloth and leather. Wider applications in many cases have been prevented because of limited resistance to heat and solvents. By adding tetraisobutyl titanate to the cellulose acetate butyrate solution, it has been found that these properties can be substantially improved.

In two-package systems, where indefinite solution stability is required, the titanate solution is added to the lacquer solution just prior to application. This may be performed as a thinning operation in which the amount of titanate solution added is adjusted to suit the viscosity of the final system.

A demonstration of the superior resistance of the butyrate-titanate film to solvents is shown in Fig 1. Ordinarily, acetone is one of the most active solvents for cellulose acetate butyrate but with the addition of a sufficient amount of the titanate to the butyrate, films exhibit a high degree of resistance to this solvent as well as to other lacquer solvents such as methyl isobutyl ketone and methylethyl ketone.

Cellulose acetate butyrate films containing over 3% tetraisobutyl titanate are insoluble in acetone and similar solvents. Some degree of swelling occurs on contact with a few solvents and the degree of swelling or resistance to solvents is proportional to the amount of titanate present. Solvents such as ethyl acetate, a blend of 80 toluene 20 ethanol and certain other blends are capable of dissolving titanated butyrate films if sufficient contact time is allowed.

The increase in heat resistance imparted to cellulose acetate butyrate with increased concentrations of titanate is indicated in Fig 2. Points on the curve represent temperatures at which heat flow occurred in film specimens loaded at 25 psi. Actual film melting points are of course higher than the temperature given.

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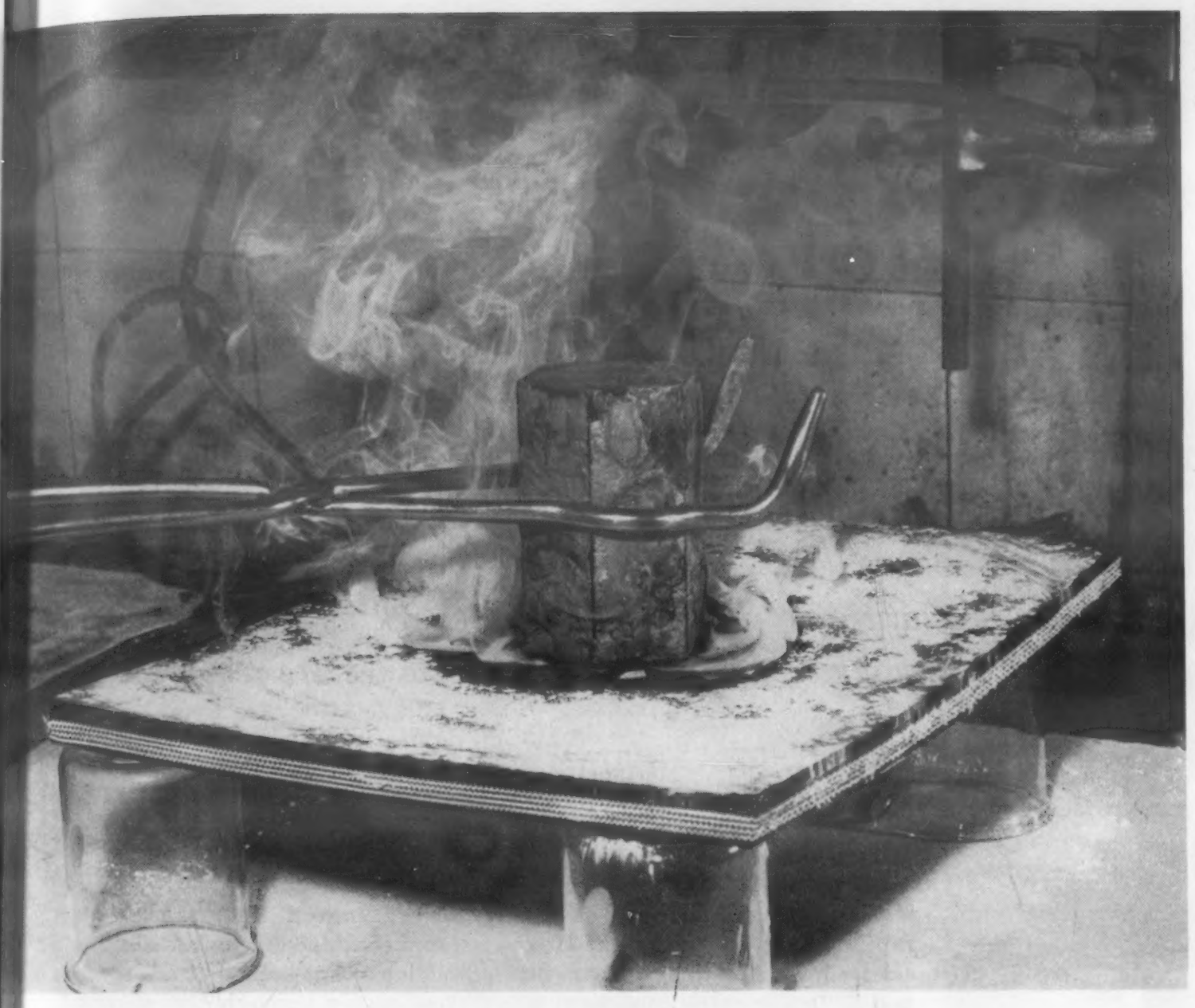
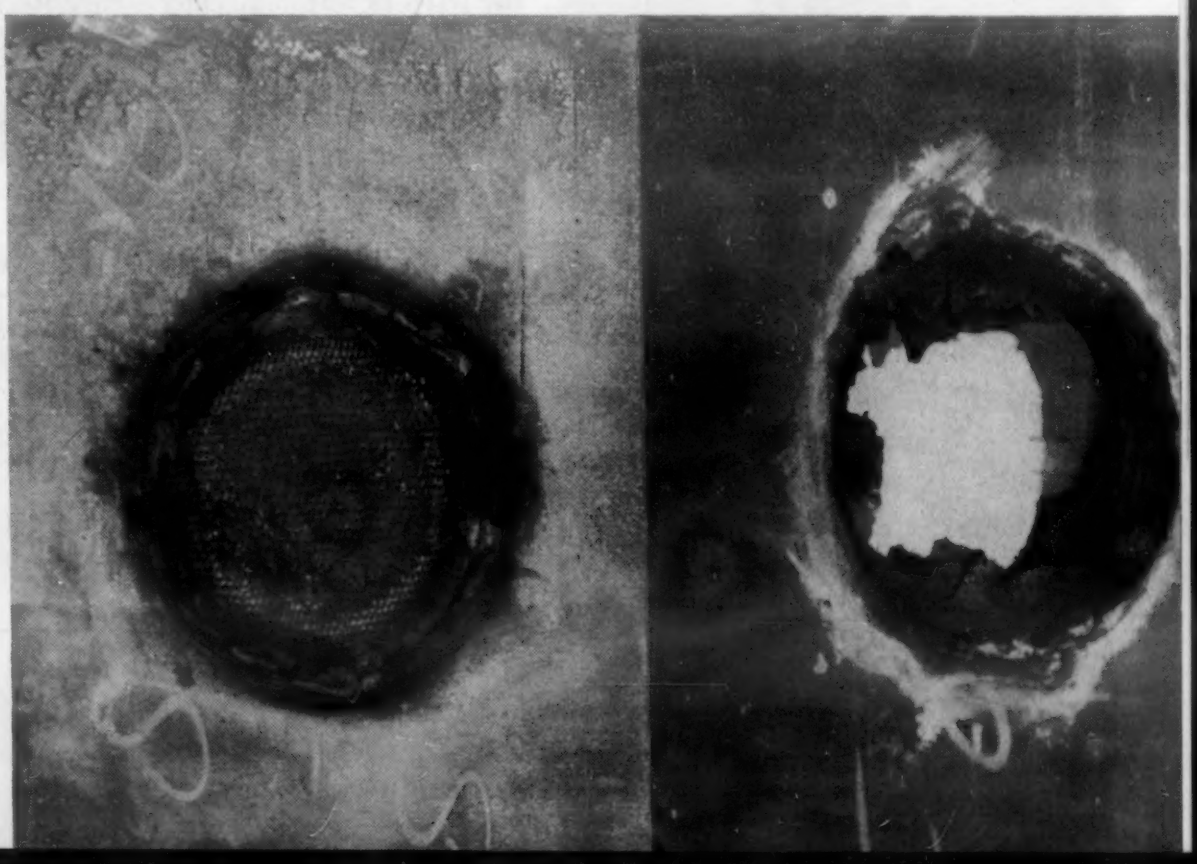


Glass fabric conveyor belt resists 1400 F

Hot metal, heated to 1400 F, is shown testing the hot material rubber conveyor belt, developed by B. F. Goodrich Co. Called Fire Curtain, the belt has two plies of glass fabric that "float" in the top rubber cover.

The hexagonal steel bar was heated to 1400 F and placed on the sample belt for 20 min. It was then removed, reheated to 1400 F and returned to the same spot on the belt for another 20 min.

Below left is the sample of Fire Curtain after test. Belt's top rubber cover is charred, revealing glass fabric heat barrier that prevented the hot metal from passing through the belt. At right is a conventional hot material belt sample after 3 min of the second 20-min test.



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Aluminum Chain

where qualities of light weight, non-sparking, nonmagnetic, and corrosion resistance are required.

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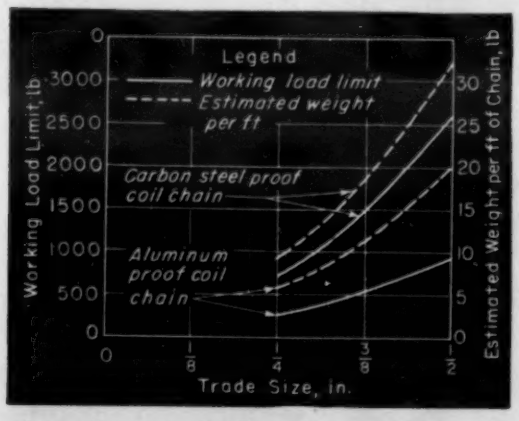
■ Welded aluminum chain is currently being made in the four sizes shown in the accompanying table. The working load limit of the chain is approximately 60% of the same size steel proof coil chain. This 40% reduction in rated capacity, however, is offset by a more than 65% reduction in weight.

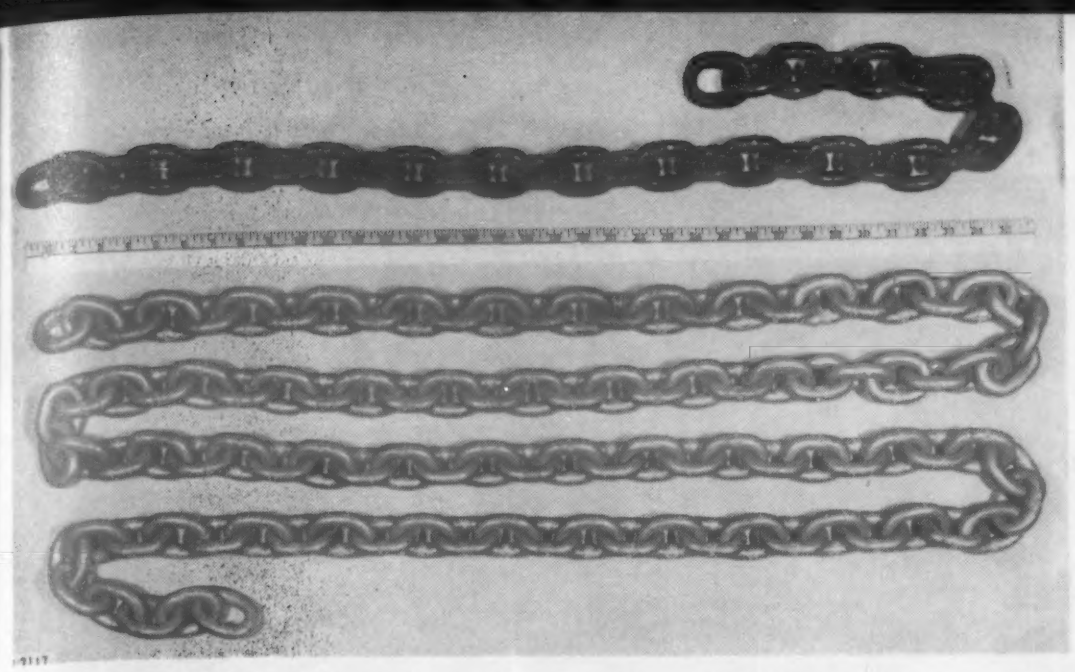
In the electric welding manufacture of aluminum chain, coils of wire or rods pass through a chain forming machine in which the wire is automatically straightened, cut to required lengths, formed into a link, then made into a continuous length ready for welding. The side-butted chain then passes through the electric welding machine where it is welded automatically. The resultant flash on each link is trimmed leaving a relatively smooth weld.



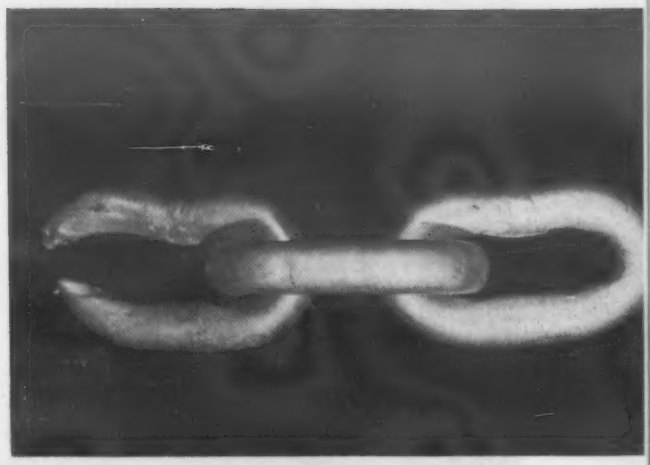
***Aluminum chain size** can be increased for greater strength and still affect a substantial weight savings as compared to steel chain.*

The main production problem was the modification of standard chainmaking equipment to produce uniform aluminum welds. The aim was to produce a link which would fail at the end of the link rather than in the vicinity of the welded joint.

In recent months, weldless aluminum chain has also become available. In making weldless chain, light gage aluminum wire is automatically cut to lengths and then knotted or twisted together to form a continuous length of chain. In heavier wire sizes, nonwelded chain, where the ends of each link are merely butted together, has found use in some applications. Cast aluminum chain, by nature of the manufacturing operation has been limited to the larger sizes of chain.



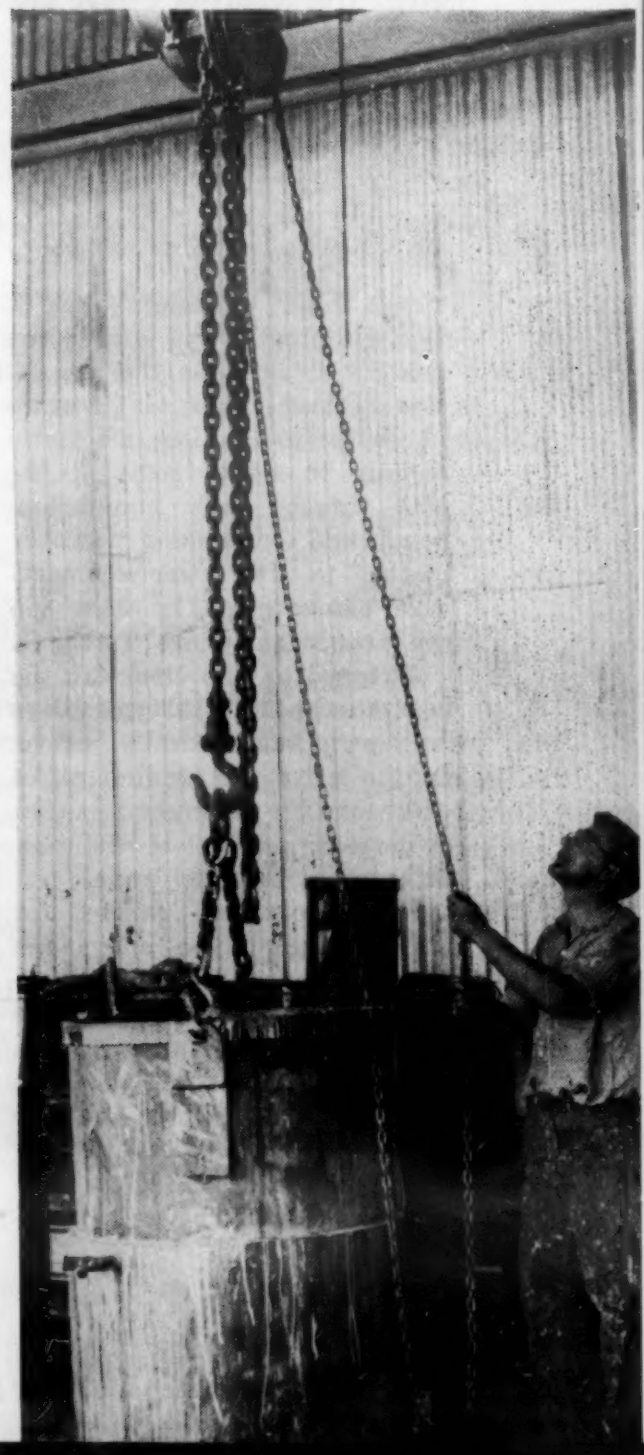
Length-to-weight ratios *of welded aluminum chain compared to welded steel chain. Ten pounds of ½ in. steel chain is 48 in. long; by contrast the same size and weight in aluminum chain is 152 in. long.*



Welded aluminum chain *tested to destruction. Link failed at a point other than the weld joint.*

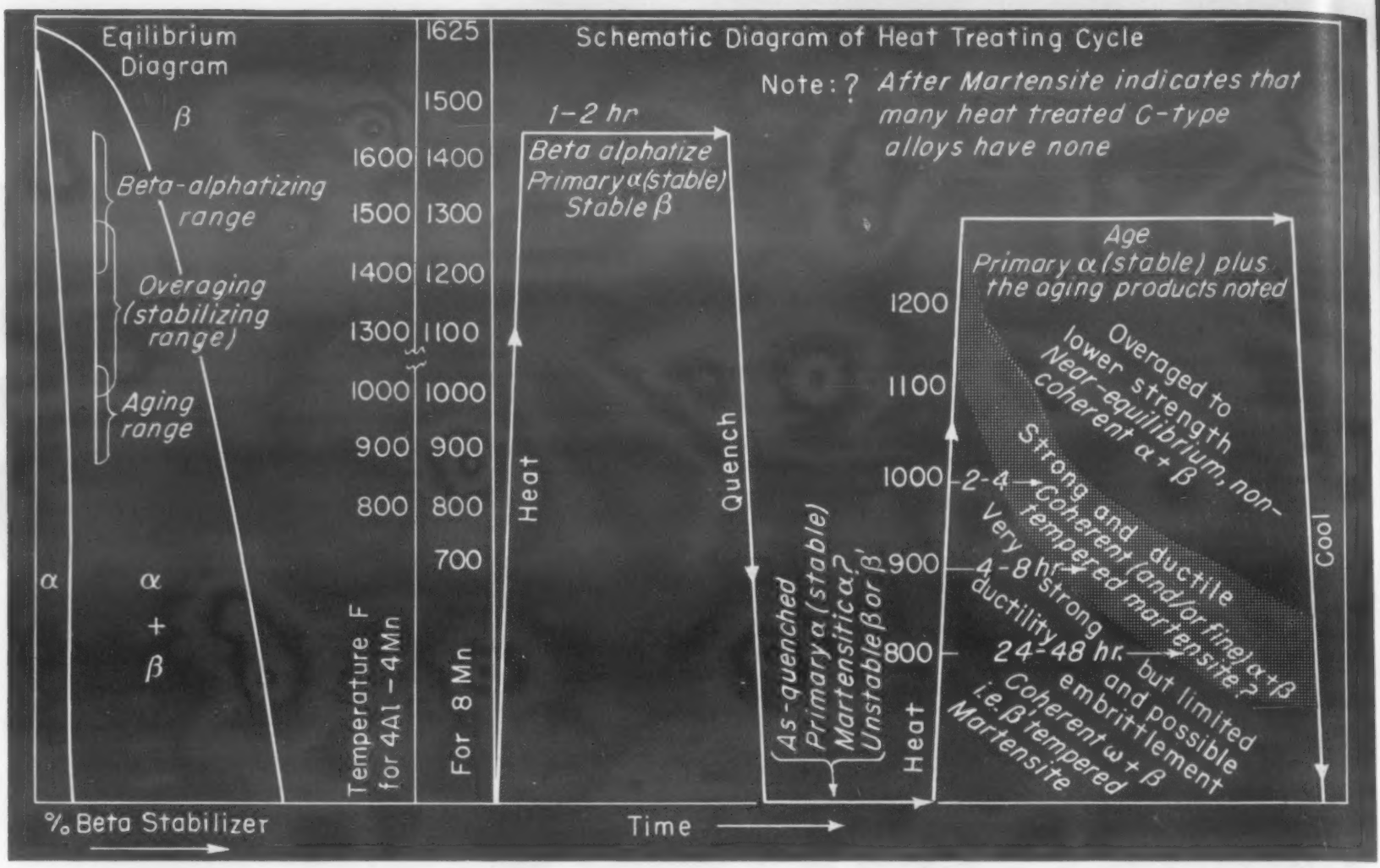
After proof testing, *the aluminum chain is inspected link by link.*

Aluminum chain assemblies *are particularly suitable in industries where corrosion resistant, nonsparking, nonmagnetic properties are required.*



SPECIFICATIONS FOR WELDED ALUMINUM CHAIN

Chain Size, in.	Material Diameter, in.	Inside Link Size		Working Load Limit, lb	Weight per 100 ft, lb
		Width, in.	Length, in.		
¼	9/32	½	1	550	24
5/16	11/32	½	1 7/64	850	36
⅜	13/32	⅝	1 15/64	1200	54
½	17/32	13/16	1½	2000	91



***Heat treatment** of C-type titanium alloys.*

Principles of Heat Treating Titanium

The heat treatability of *C*-type titanium alloys is based on heating to increase the proportion of the higher temperature phase (beta), cooling sufficiently rapidly to retain some of the beta beyond the equilibrium point, and subsequent transformation to the lower temperature phase (alpha), often via the transition phase (omega).

Stripped to this essential, the heat treatment of *C*-type alloys is shown schematically above. On the left is the familiar phase diagram. On the right is a diagrammatic outline of the preferred heat treating cycle.

Heat treatment ranges for two typical C-type alloys are shown, one with only a beta stabilizer (8 Mn) and the other with both an alpha and a beta stabilizer (4Al-4Mn). Heat treating temperatures for the latter are about 200 F higher than for the 8 Mn alloy with the exception of the aging temperatures which are similar for all *C*-type alloys.

To develop beta which will become unstable upon quenching and so permit strengthening, the alloy is heated to the *beta-alphatizing range*. In general, it is important that, unlike steel and aluminum alloys, one does not heat *C*-type titanium alloys into the single phase high temperature field (beta). Heating to 100-300 F below the all-beta region results in much better strength - ductility combinations in the subsequent aged condition. Heating to the all-beta region promotes a coarser beta grain size and initial transformation occurs at the beta grain boundaries. Both factors appear to be detrimental to ductility.

At the beta-alphatizing temperature the structure consists of a small amount of stable residual primary alpha and a larger amount of stable beta. It is then quenched to develop some unstable beta and aged at a moderately elevated temperature to partially transform the beta to fine alpha. This gives a strong ductile material.

A second mechanism of titanium transformation hardening which is showing promise is analogous to the martensitic hardening in steel. The difference, and it is important, is that the supersaturation of the low temperature phase may be small in the titanium alloys compared with that in steel.

When a martensitic-quenching *C*-type alloy like 6Al-4V is beta-alphatized, e.g. at 1550 F, the beta is enriched as shown by the equilibrium diagram and no martensite is formed on quenching. In this case heat treatment response is entirely by the unstable beta mechanism previously outlined. As indicated, combinations of unstable beta and of martensitic hardening are also possible.

This chart shows

How to Heat Treat Titanium

Development of suitable heat treatment procedures opens the way for increased use of titanium alloys in applications where high strength-weight ratios are required.

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■ Titanium is a promising structural metal, because it is light, strong, corrosion resistant and ductile. It fills the gap between aluminum and stainless steels with respect to modulus, density and elevated temperature strength. Where titanium replaces stainless steels section for section, a 40% reduction in weight is obtained.

This weight reduction gained by using titanium has focused attention on heat treating titanium alloys to obtain the increased strength needed for many structural parts, particularly in aircraft construction.

Extensive research has shown that a significant strength increase can be realized by quench-age heat treatment cycles. This development opens the way to take advantage of the higher strength-weight ratio of heat treated titanium.

Practical heat treatment

Principles of the heat treatment of titanium alloys are discussed in an adjacent box. The commercially available heat treatable titanium alloys are all *C*-type alloys and heat treatment involves quenching from a suitable solution temperature and aging at some lower temperature.

In selecting the solution temperature, one should quench from the lowest possible temperature which will create sufficient unstable beta to allow overaging to the desired strength level.

Effect of cooling rate—Cooling rate from the solution temperature has an effect on the aging response of alpha-beta alloys. This has been demonstrated by tension tests on specimens heated to appropriate solution temperatures cooled by water quenching, oil quenching, or air cooling to room temperature and aged for various times at 900 F.

The results indicate that:

1. Cooling rate from solution temperature has little effect on the quenched-aged ductility.
2. Maximum available strength on aging at a given temperature increases with increasing cooling rates. That is, the maximum strength obtained by water quenching and aging at 900 F is greater than that obtained on oil quenching and aging at 900 F. Oil quenching in turn results in a greater maximum strength than air cooling.
3. For a given solution and aging treatment, the faster cooling rate also results in the greater strength level.

An accompanying table indicates that the best strength-ductility combinations for the aged condition are obtained by a water quench from the solution temperature although very respectable properties are obtained with slower cooling rates. Possibly, strength - ductility combinations for the slower cooling rates may be increased by an appropriate change in the aging cycle.

Aging—The aging cycle should be chosen to: 1) Assure aging for sufficient time to transform the embrittling omega phase, and 2) avoid excessive scaling to reduce the need for a final cleaning operation on the heat treated part.

A general rule governing the selection of an aging cycle is: Age at the lowest possible temperature above the expected service temperature, but not under 800 F, for a sufficiently long time to allow over-aging with a minimum amount of scale formation. At 800 F this requires at least 24 hr. The time can be reduced by increasing the aging temperature. Aging at temperatures of 900 to 1000 F requires 4 to 12 hr and this is the preferred temperature range.

The wide variety of possible heat treatment cycles makes possible an equally wide range of

EFFECT OF COOLING RATE FROM BETA-ALPHATIZING TREATMENT

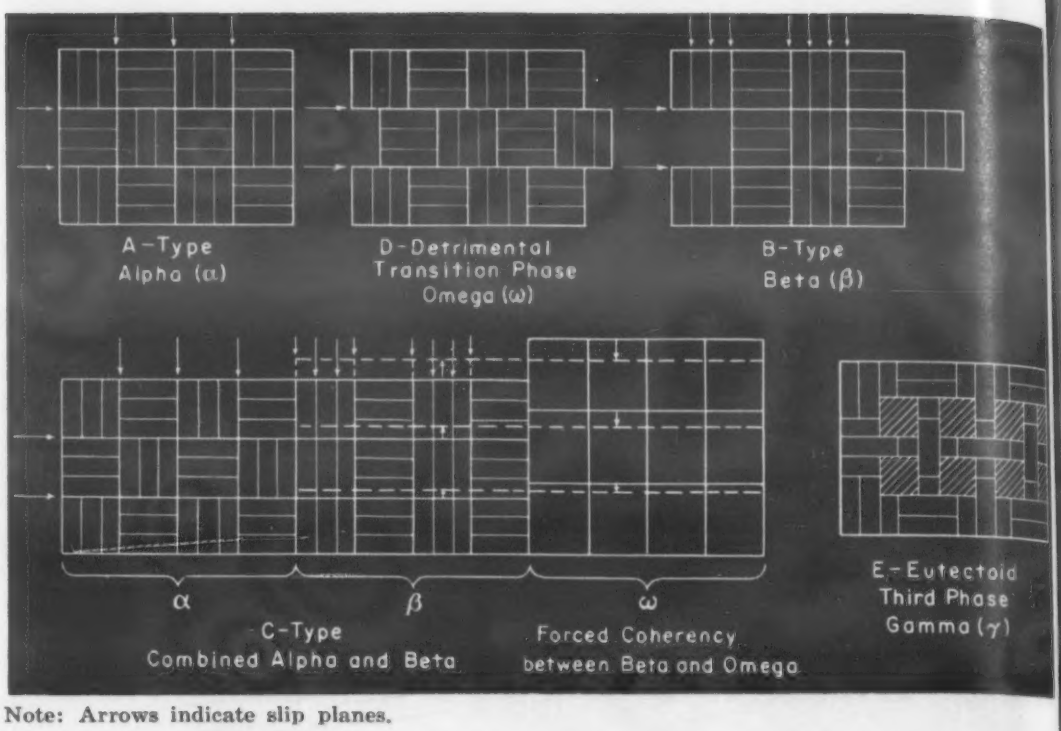
Alloy	Condition	Tens str, 1000 psi	Yld str, 0.2% 1000 psi	Elong, % 2 in.	Red. of area, %
C130AM	Annealed	159	—	18.7	48.6
	2 hr, 1450 F, w.q.; 8 hr, 900 F	185	172	13.0	37.7
	2 hr, 1450 F, o.q.; 8 hr, 900 F	173	159	11.0	26.7
	2 hr, 1450 F, a.c.; 8 hr, 900 F	163	154	14.0	32.5
C120AV	Annealed	156	—	15.0	49.5
	2 hr, 1600 F, w.q.; 8 hr, 900 F	196	173	10.0	38.0
	2 hr, 1600 F, o.q.; 8 hr, 900 F	192	170	11.0	40.5
	2 hr, 1600 F, a.c.; 8 hr, 900 F	156	146	15.0	51.0

Note: w.q.—water quenched
o.q. —oil quenched
a.c. —air cooled

ABCDE'S of Titanium Structure

The structure of titanium can be readily understood by likening the ordered array of atoms in a crystalline lattice to the similarly ordered array of bricks in a wall. While the metallurgist uses the term "hexagonal-close-packed lattice" to describe a particular pattern of objects (like titanium atoms for instance) the bricklayer uses the term "alternate sides and ends" to describe one way to lay a row of bricks. Likewise the metallurgist uses the term "phase" to mean a particular pattern of arranging atoms. He identifies these atom patterns with Greek letters rather than with English letters as we will do here.

In the following paragraphs, one brick takes the place of one atom in the titanium lattice.



Note: Arrows indicate slip planes.

***Schematic diagram** of titanium phases using bricks as atoms.*

Types of titanium structures

There are three basic types of titanium-rich structures in commercial titanium alloys:

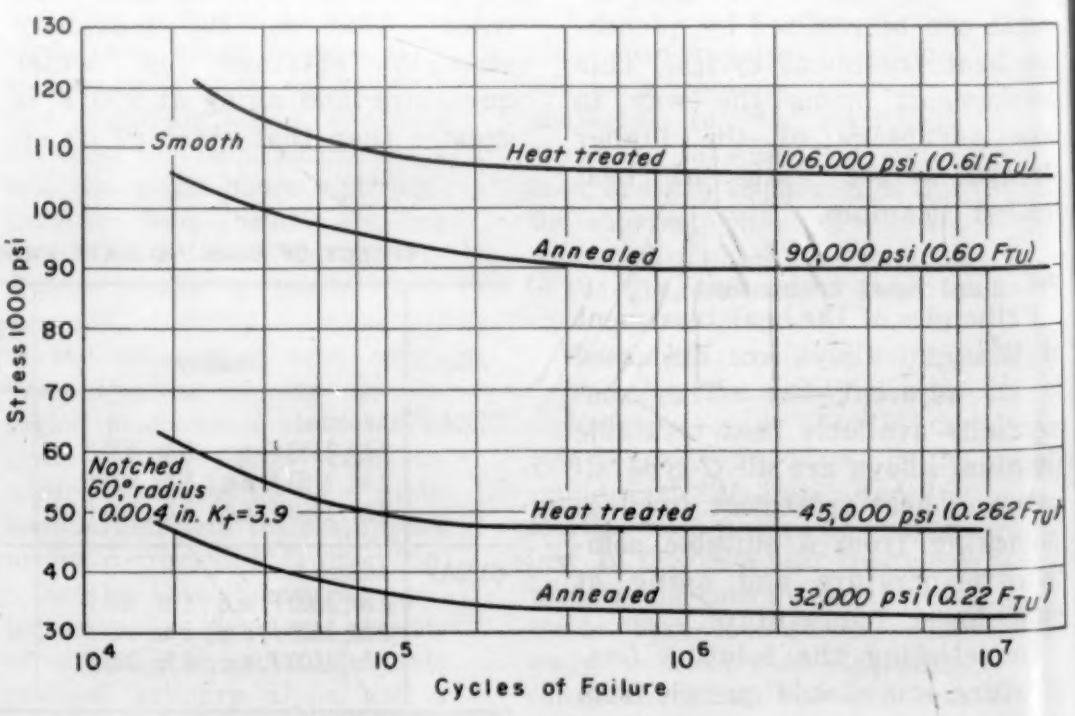
A. Pure titanium always forms the A-type of atomic arrangement when the temperature is below yellow heat. This arrangement is called alpha (α) and is hexagonal-close-packed. For our purpose it is more convenient to visualize α as the A brick arrangement shown in the figure than as hexagonally-close-packed spheres normally used by the metallurgist. In this visualization, no mortar holds the bricks together. In fact they may best be thought of as smooth iron magnets strongly attracted to and sliding on each other with a thin oil film between. Arrows indicate the planes on which slip can occur. The more planes the better the formability. The A-type arrangement of bricks has five slip planes. The B-type has nine slip planes and beta titanium has better formability than alpha titanium of the same strength level.

B. When heated above a yellow heat, titanium changes from the A type arrangement to the B-type or beta (β) arrangement. Beta titanium has a body-centered-cubic structure. Referring to the brick analogy, A-type changes to B-type by shifting the middle row one square to the right.

tensile properties. In general, results to date show that strengths in the range of 150,000 to 200,000 psi with elongation from 8 to 15% are obtainable.

There are numerous complexities and several practical considerations involved in this essentially simple picture of quench-aging. Titanium's affinity for oxygen, nitrogen and water vapor and their deleterious effects on properties are well known. Heating times should be kept at a minimum and furnace atmospheres should be neutral or, preferably, slightly oxidizing and free of moisture to minimize hydrogen contamination. Electric resistance type furnaces are quite satisfactory in these respects. If gas or oil-fired furnaces are used, the flame should not be allowed to impinge upon the material.

Hardenability — Cooling rates are an important consideration in heat treatment operations, and are strongly influenced by section-size. The interrelation of cooling rate and section-size and their combined influence on heat treatment response falls into the general category of hardenability.



***Improvement in fatigue strength** of C130AM by heat treatment.*

Similar shifts of planes of atoms occur in actual metals—in their most prominent manifestation (the martensite reaction) they can be heard as a sharp click with a sensitive phonograph pickup and they bulge a flat polished surface just as the middle row of bricks bulged the right side of the beta-type pattern. C. By alternating A pattern and B pattern, a C (combined A and B) pattern is obtained with strength and ductility combining those of A and B.

Quenching a C-type from an elevated temperature (e.g. above 1300 F) prevents transformation of all the B formed at the elevated temperature back to A. This is the beginning of titanium's heat treatment response. If warmed, as in aging, this unstable B starts to transform back to A. This transformation is visualized in the figure as a two-step process. The first step takes the transformation part way, forming omega.

D. Omega is often but not always associated with low ductility. This is symbolized by omega having only two slip planes compared to A with five and B with nine. The missing slip planes were lost when transformation stopped between B and A. Hence, omega is called a transition (between B and A) phase. At this point the material is strongest and least ductile.

E. A considerable number of titanium alloy systems are eutectoid like steel. Instead of iron carbide precipitating, these titanium alloys precipitate analogous eutectoid compounds like $TiCr_2$. Such compounds are brittle and this is symbolized by the absence of any slip planes in the E (eutectoid compound) pattern.

Thus, we have the A B C D E's of titanium heat treating: we start with A and B titanium; combining them gives us C; partially transforming B to A produces D; and, in eutectoid systems, some B may transform to E as well as to A.

Coherent and Incoherent

The strengthening effect of omega is largely due to the fact that it is coherent with B. This term may render some non-metallurgists incoherent with annoyance but the idea of a coherent transition lattice is very useful since it is the basis for the major mechanism of age hardening. The most famous coherent transition lattice is probably that of the duralumins (Al-Cu alloys) called theta-prime. A good many tons of theta-prime duralumin have satisfactorily flown in aircraft for several decades and this helps make an important point: there is nothing basically mysterious about omega; it is the same sort of thing that has been found in many other alloys and its causes and the means for controlling it are well known.

To date, the best combinations of strength and ductility in titanium alloys are obtained just after omega has been removed by overaging. Coherency and overaging to non-coherency are explained in the next two paragraphs.

The schematic representation of both coherency and non-coherency between the B matrix and the omega which formed from it are shown above. Solid lines show the B non-coherent (i.e. the atom planes do not line up) with the omega, after overaging. During overaging, the coherent omega (shown by dashed lines which line up with the dashed lines of B) grows large enough to assert its own individuality by breaking away from coherency with beta and establishing its normal atom plane spacings (solid lines).

These expanded (and contracted) slip plane spacings can be considered as not matching those of the remainder of the structure. Slip therefore is inhibited, i.e. the structure has been coherency strengthened. As previously mentioned, this is probably the major source of age hardening.

In general there are no sharp discontinuities in strength and ductility as omega disappears. Rather there is a blending of low ductility region in which omega is present with a higher ductility region in which omega is not present.

Relatively little work on the hardenability characteristics of the commercial titanium alloys has been done to date. The indications are, however, that hardenability, as might be expected, varies rather markedly with composition. In general, it appears that increasing beta stabilizer (Mn, V, Mo, Fe, etc.) content results in increasing hardenability. Increasing alpha stabilizer content, on the other hand, decreases the hardenability of alpha-beta alloys.

Some of the preliminary hardenability data gathered to date are summarized in a table. Results were obtained by end-quenching from the indicated temperature and subsequent aging. This table does not imply that the conditions noted are optimum for each alloy. There is evidence, however, that C130AM hardens uniformly. Results obtained on a step-down quench bar machined from C130AM and subsequently heat treated are shown graphically. Apparently, the cooling rate, on quenching, through the center of a 1½ in. dia. bar is not sufficiently different from that in a ¼ in. dia bar to cause any significant difference in the aged strength level. The elongation, on the other hand, decreases with increasing section size beyond ¾ in. dia although the minimum elongation is in excess of 10%. The trend of the elongation curve

TYPICAL STRENGTH IMPROVEMENT BY HEAT TREATMENT OF BAR STOCK

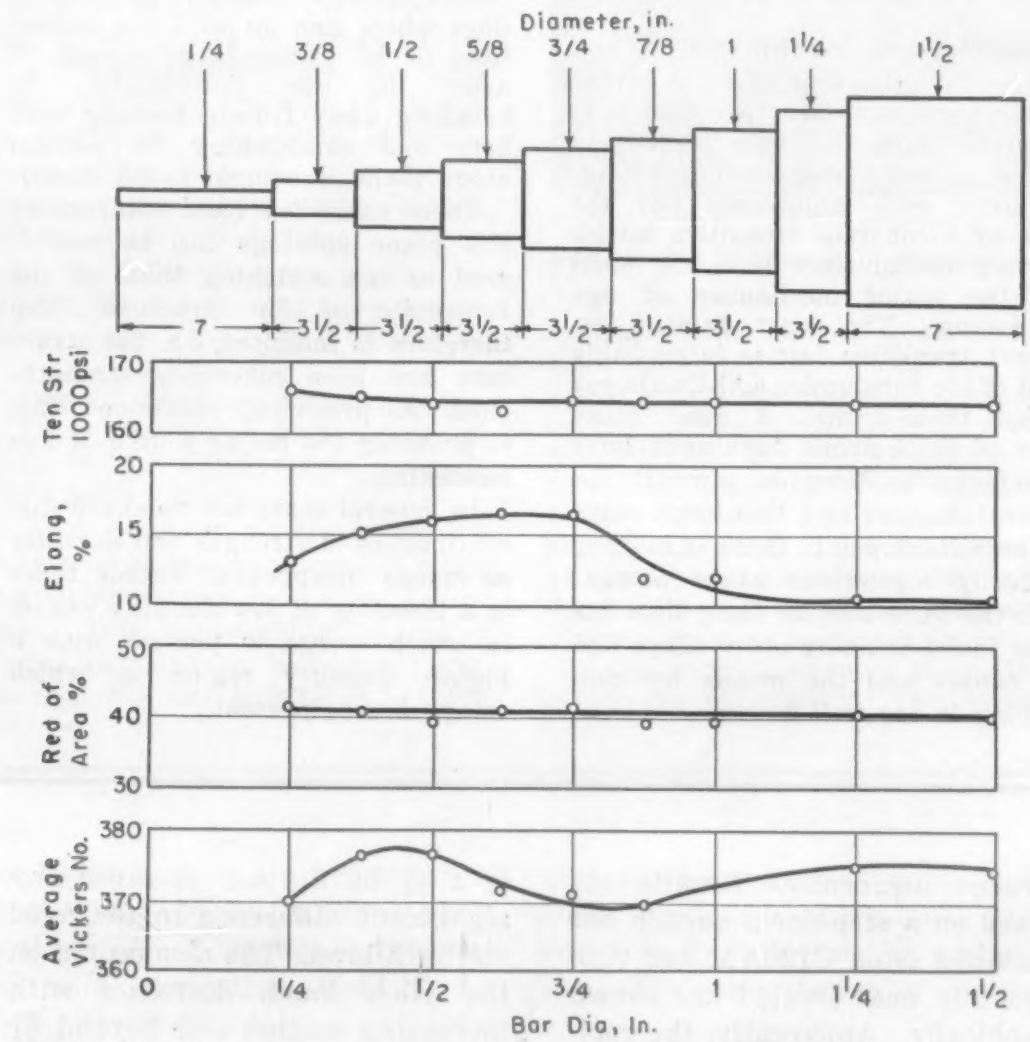
Alloy	Condition	Tens Str, 1000 psi	Yld Str, (0.2%) 1000 psi	Elong % 2 in.	Red. of area, %
C130AM (4Al-4Mn)	Annealed	156	149	17.5	40.5
	2 hr, 1450 F, w.q.; 8 hr, 900 F	177	160	13.4	28.5
C140AM (6Al-4Mn)	Annealed	157	155	19.0	49.5
	2 hr, 1600 F, w.q.; 8 hr, 900 F	196	171	9.0	26.4
C120AV (6Al-4V)	Annealed	152	146	14.4	39.9
	2 hr, 1500 F, w.q.; 8 hr, 900 F	166	154	14.5	42.0

Note: w.q.—water quenched.

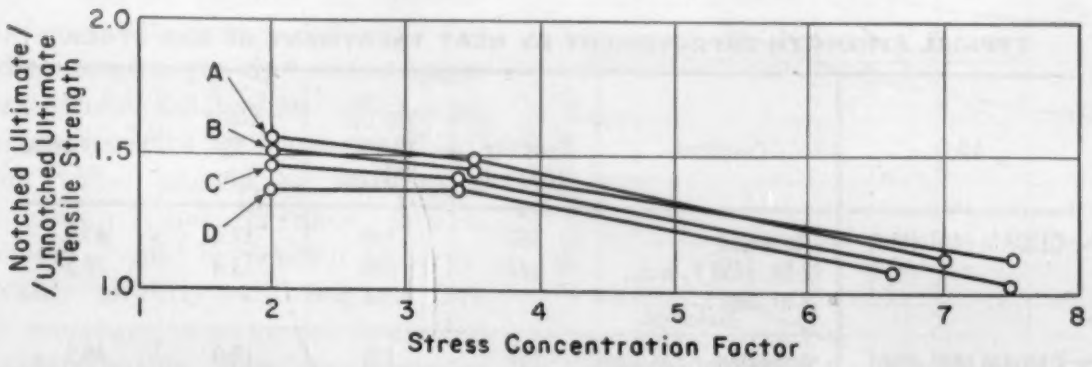
HARDENABILITY DATA

Alloy	Sol Temp, F	Aging Cycle		Tensile Strength, 1000 psi and Vickers Hardness No. (in parentheses) at:				
		Hr	F	3/16 in.	9/16 in.	1 in.	2 in.	3 in.
C130AM	1450	8	900	199 (411)	198 (410)	196 (408)	190 (407)	187 (404)
C130AM	1450	16	900	182 (399)	181 (403)	181 (399)	187 (400)	183 (414)
C120AV	1600	8	900	165 (335)	154 (326)	152 (324)	146 (305)	149 (313)
C140AM	1600	16	900	199 (416)	186 (415)	178 (401)	171 (394)	171 (396)
C140AMo[a]	1600	16	900	181 (364)	174 (367)	170 (360)	166 (348)	169 (352)

[a] 6Al-4Mo



***Effect of section size** on heat treatment response of C130AM. (Heat treatment 2 hr at 1450 F, water quench, 8 hr at 900 F.)*



***Effect of notches** on the ratio of the notched/unnotched tensile strength of C130AM.*

Curve	*Unnotched ult tens str-psi*
A	*165,100*
B	*166,700*
C	*166,800*
D	*177,400*

indicates that the material beyond ¾ in. is not completely overaged. This phenomenon is attributed to the rate of cooling since previous work has shown that decreasing cooling rates result in an increasingly sluggish aging response. Continued aging will correct the situation and result in a more uniform elongation.

Work to date indicates that C130AM is relatively deep hardening. Although little work has been done on C120AV, C140AM, and C140AMo it does not appear that they have the deep hardening characteristics exhibited by C130AM. This is true particularly of C120AV.

Annealing—Titanium, like other metals, may be heat treated advantageously for one of several reasons: 1) stress relief anneal to relieve internal stresses set up by cold work; 2) stabilize or full anneal for maximum ductility and stability; and 3) thermal hardening to increase strength. Although this discussion is concerned primarily with hardening, its principles apply to annealing as well.

For example the quench shown in the diagram might be the air cooling of a forging rather than a deliberate heat treating operation. Its subsequent heat treatment should therefore follow the same principles as those used for deliberately quenched material.

Applied particularly to annealing, these are:

1. Cooling from the solution temperature range develops some unstable beta if the cooling rate is fast enough for the particular composition.
2. For maximum stability and ductility, such material should be overaged.
3. The advantage of overaging can be partly lost by too rapid cooling from the overaging temperature since this can develop its own unstable beta. Again the minimum temperature and cooling rate depend upon composition but the safe practice for the maximum stability and ductility is to furnace cool at a rate not exceeding 5 F per min to about 1050 F

and air cool thereafter.
4. For maximum ductility, overage for long periods, e.g. 24 hr.
5. For maximum stability, cool as slowly as possible to the expected service temperature.
6. Stress relieving can be done at the lower end of the overaging range.

Effect on mechanical properties

Although effect of cooling rate and hardenability considerations are extremely important, the main objective of heat treatment is mechanical property enhancement.

Tensile properties — Statistical data on the room temperature tensile properties of C130AM and C120AV have been collected and the results given in a table indicate the average improvement in strength which results from heat treatment of these alloys. Preliminary results are reported also for C140AM.

With the quenching and aging treatments listed, C130AM increased in tensile strength from 156,000 to 177,000 psi, C140AM from 157,000 to 196,000 psi and C120AV from 150,000 to 166,000 psi. Yield strengths showed a corresponding increase. Ductility as measured by elongation was practically unchanged in C120AV, slightly lowered in C130AM and reduced roughly 50% in C140AM.

Shear properties—A recent statistical survey of the room temperature shear strength of annealed C130AM bar stock shows an average shear strength of 107, 400 psi. The shear strength of C130AM may be substantially altered by heat treatment. Shear strengths of 110,000 to 115,000 psi can be expected by heat treating for two hours at 1450 F, water quenching, and aging 8 hr at 900 F.

Fatigue properties—Evaluation of the fatigue properties of heat treated C130AM is still in progress. Results to date show an endurance limit (10^7 cycles), in smooth rotating beam fatigue tests, of 105,000 psi at room temperature on the heat treated material. Annealed C130AM tested under the same conditions has an endurance limit of 90,000 psi. Even more encouraging however, is the available notched rotating beam fatigue data. At a stress concentration of 3.9 the endurance limit for the heat treated alloy is 40-45,000 psi. Under the same conditions, annealed C130-AM has an endurance limit of 30,000 psi. Apparently heat treatment does not adversely affect the notch sensitivity of the material in rotating beam fatigue tests.

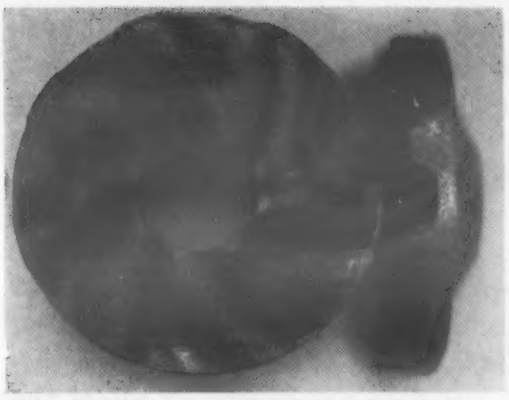
Notched properties—The effect of cut notches on the tensile properties of heat treated material is summarized in a graph. Assuming a material to be notch sensitive if the notched ultimate to unnotched ultimate ratio falls below unity, C130AM heat treated (quenched and aged) to 177,400 psi ultimate strength, is not notch sensitive in tension at a stress concentration up to 6.5. Evidence has been observed indicating that quenched and aged C130AM is also notch insensitive in rotating beam fatigue tests.

MATERIALS AT WORK

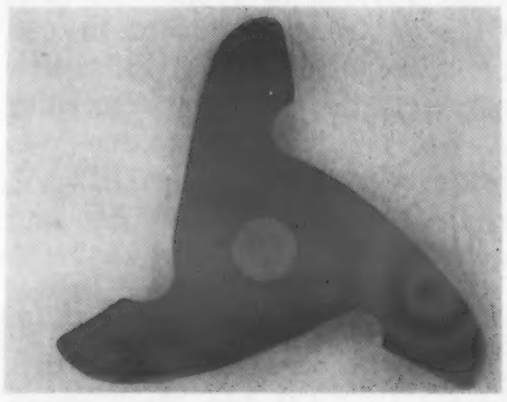
Expanded metal cable trough saves space

This expanded metal cable trough installation in a Scott Paper Co. plant was prefabricated by T. J. Cope, Inc. It is made from expanded steel No. 9 gage, ¾ in. diamonds, rolled and flattened to No. 11 gage to eliminate rough edges. Edge of trough is 3 in. high protected by steel strip on top. The entire assembly is then hot dip galvanized for corrosion resistance.

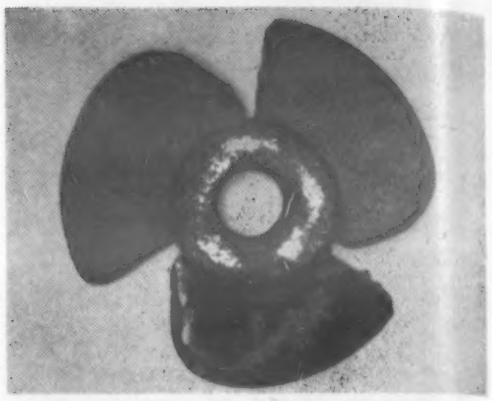
The cable trough is reported to be as flexible as conduit, easier to install and has greater current carrying capacity. Other advantages over conduit include savings in material and better use of ceiling and wall space. Cables are accessible at any point.



Impeller *produced by hot pressing a mixture of 85 ferroboron-15% iron powder.*



Impeller *formed by shaping a cold pressed green compact and sintering after shaping.*



Screw propeller *made by shaping a green compact produced by cold pressing a mixture of 85 chromium boride-15% iron powder and sintering after shaping. One blade ground after sintering.*

Boride Parts Resist Molten Zinc

Compacts composed of a boron compound plus a metal are heat and corrosion resistant and compare favorably in strength with graphite and gray iron.

by R. M. Evans, *Battelle Memorial Institute*

■ Application of powder metallurgy methods to the production of boride parts has resulted in the development of products that not only resist oxidation up to 2350 F (M&M, Aug, 1954), but also are unattacked by molten zinc, a metal that is highly corrosive toward common structural materials.

Parts are formed by sintering a compact containing a mixture of a boron compound and a metal such as iron, cobalt or nickel. During sintering, boron from the compound diffuses into the metal to produce a strong, heat and corrosion resistant material.

Raw materials for the production of these zinc resistant products are common commercial materials and the compounds formed from them are iron boride, chromium boride and manganese boride. Pump parts, zinc die casting machine components and other parts for service in contact with molten zinc can be produced readily from these borides.

Properties of compacts

In the development of these borides, compacts were prepared by cold or hot pressing.

For cold pressing, powders were mixed with a small amount of an organic binder to promote green strength. Compacts were cold pressed in steel dies at 11,000 psi. After pressing, the green compacts were dried in air at 300 F to remove the binder.

Before sintering, melting points of the various mixtures were determined as a guide in selecting sintering temperatures. Normally, the proper sintering temperature for powdered metal compacts ranges from half the melting point to about 90 to 130 F below the melting point. Rapid sintering at the higher temperatures proved most satisfactory because slow sintering at lower temperatures permitted the formation of non-zinc-resistant boride phases.

Successful presintering and sintering operations were performed in a hydrogen atmosphere muffle furnace. Induction heating was not efficient on mixtures containing chromium or manganese borides. During sintering all cold pressed bodies underwent a volume shrinkage of about 36%.

Typical properties of cold pressed and sintered bodies of uniform cross-section are shown. These data indicate the increase in strength obtained when part of the boride is formed by diffusion into metal admixtures.

From the standpoint of consistency, strength and economics, the most promising composition is 67.7 ferroboron (24%B)-32.3% iron powder. This mixture is essentially FeB after sintering. Compacts based on chromium boride with additions of iron, cobalt and nickel are stronger than compacts based on ferroboron. Strengths of sintered bodies are compared with those of graphite and gray iron in a graph.

Strength of 80 chromium boride (CrB_2)-20% iron compacts was nearly tripled by heating in air for two hours at 1300 F. However, heating similar compacts in air at 1650 F decreased their strength. Strength of mixtures of other compositions was not greatly changed by heating in air in the range of 1300 F to 2350 F. Appearance and dimensions of experimental sintered bars were

not changed by the reheating treatment.

Compacts made from 80 chromium boride-20% iron were oxidation resistant to 1300 F and above. Those made from 80 chromium boride-10 iron-5% nickel or 80 chromium boride-10 cobalt-5% nickel resisted oxidation up to at least 2370 F.

Borides, like metal powders, can be hot pressed. The compact obtained by this technique conforms to the mold dimensions, thus eliminating shrinkage problems.

Dry powders without binders were used for hot pressing experiments, which were limited to samples of ferroboron (24%B) diluted with iron powder. Cylinders 0.5 in. in dia and 2.0 in. long were pressed at 2550 F and 4000 psi. Floating graphite dies were used. Pressure was released immediately after pressing and the compact was cooled in the die. Tensile strengths of 10,000 to 15,000 psi and densities of 5.0 to 5.4 were obtained on hot pressed objects. Apparent porosities varied between 0.5 and 3.0%. These properties compared closely with those obtained when the same material was cold pressed and sintered.

Parts production

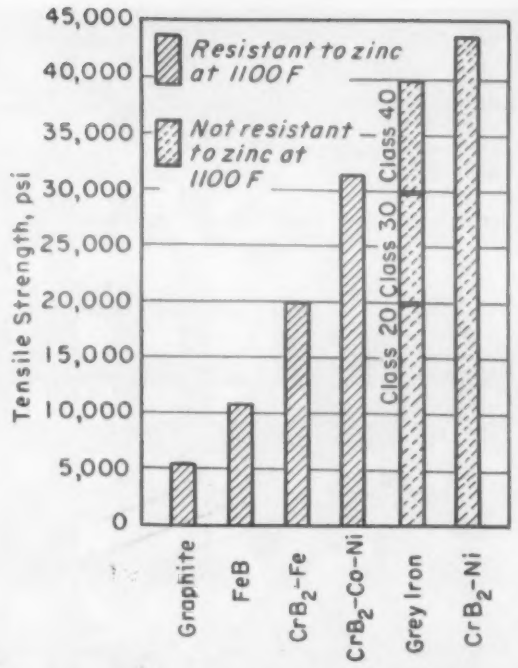
Parts were produced by two methods, hot pressing and a combination of cold pressing and machining.

Angle sections with one leg thicker than the other were produced readily by hot pressing. Die design limited the size of angle produced to about 4 in. Small impellers and propellers were hot pressed in shaped graphite dies successfully. In shapes containing a cored hole, it was necessary to remove the core when the pressure was released to prevent cracking resulting from differential contraction between shape and core.

Propellers and impellers were also made by cold pressing a solid blank and machining the desired shape about 30% oversize before sintering. Presintering and sintering were carried out in the usual manner. For production of parts by this procedure, compacting pressures greater than the normal 11,000 psi gave the most satisfactory results but machining was more difficult than with compacts produced with normal pressure.

Resistance to molten zinc

Sintered bodies were corrosion tested dynamically in a device built for this purpose. Samples attached to tungsten rods with tungsten wire were revolved around a 4-in. dia circle at 12 rpm, giving a speed of travel of about 12.5 ft/min. The zinc was held at 1100 F. Samples were completely immersed in some tests. In others, when the effect of atmosphere was desired, the zinc bath level was lowered to expose part of the sample. Corrosion test periods ranged up to 400 hr.



***Comparative strengths** of sintered borides, graphite, and gray iron.*

Completely resistant to molten zinc at 1100 F were iron boride containing 16 and 24% boron, 85 chromium boride-15% iron powder, 85 chromium boride-15% cobalt powder, 90 manganese boride-10% iron powder, and 80 chromium boride-15 cobalt 5% nickel powder.

After continued exposure to molten zinc the pores of the sintered compacts were filled with zinc but absorbed zinc did not harm the compacts in any way. Zinc could be sweated out and burned without damage.

The strongest sintered compacts produced, 85 chromium boride-15% nickel, did not resist attack by zinc. All of the other materials were completely resistant to molten zinc and no relative comparisons were made.

Applications for patent rights covering the novel features discovered in the work on sintered boride have been made by the St. Joseph Lead Co.

PROPERTIES OF COLD-PRESSED AND SINTERED COMPACTS[a]

Powder Composition, % by Weight		Intended Boron Content, %	Compacting Pressure, psi	Presinter		Sinter		Calculated[b] Tens Str, psi	Density, g/cm³
Boride	Metal			Temp, F	Time, min	Temp, F	Time, min		
Fe 100	—	—	11,000	—	—	2200	180	1700	2.47
Fe 67.7	Fe 32.2	16	11,000	2600	15	2730	5	10,800	5.45
Mn 90	Fe 10	15.3	11,000	2200	15	2950	15	2600	—
Cr 85	Fe 15	24.6	11,000	2200	15	2900	30	20,000	4.36
Cr 80	Fe 20	—	11,000	2200	15	2900	15 & 30	[c]	5.6 (approx)
Cr 85	Ni 15	—	11,000	2200	15	2900	5	44,000	5.70
Cr 85	Co 15	—	11,000	2200	15	2900	15	14,900	5.86
Cr 85	Ni 5	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Fe 10	—	11,000	2200	15	2900	15	17,700	5.43
Cr 80	Ni 5	23	11,000	2200	15	2900	10	31,400[d]	6.13
	Co 15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

[a] Specimens 3.0 x 0.345 x 0.3 in. thick before sintering. After sintering 5 min at 2730 F, the dimensions varied considerably. Calculated volume shrinkage 36%.
[b] Tensile strength calcu'ated from modulus of rupture in transverse loading.
[c] Strengths varied widely, from 4600 psi to 13,100 psi, irrespective of sintering time.
[d] Strength of specimens varied from 27,600 psi to 39,800 psi, average 31,400 psi.

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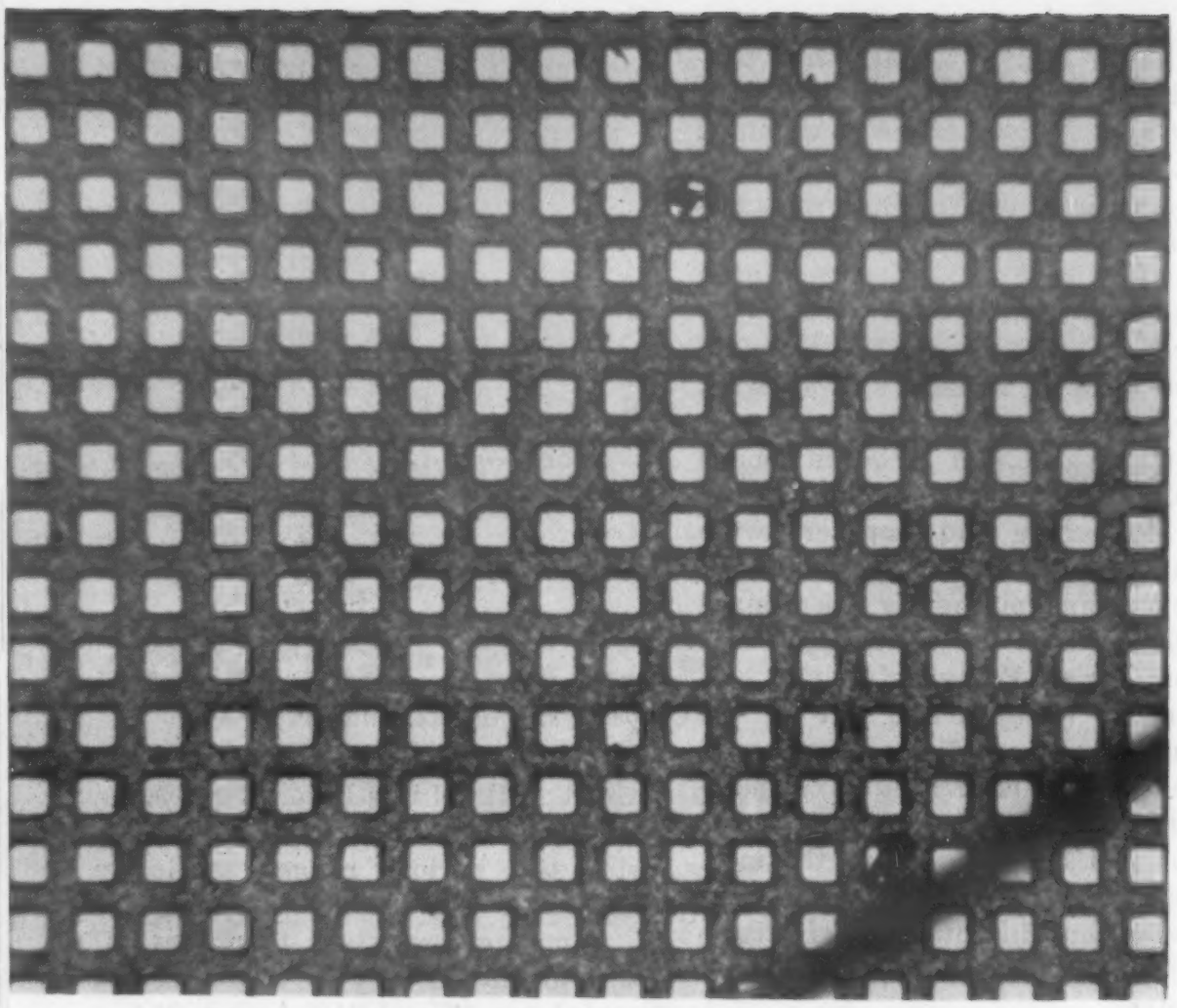


Precision of holes *is indicated by comparison with human hair.*

This 300-mesh screen produced by

"Chemical Machining" Photosensitive Glass

New development replaces costly machining operations, such as grinding, drilling, cutting, and engraving, and produces patterns often considered impossible in glass.

by Marshall Byer,
Corning Glass Works

■ Production of extremely accurate mechanical and electrical parts, including glass screens with up to 250,000 holes per sq in., has been made practical with a new photosensitive glass. Called Fotoform, the recently developed glass permits forming in finer detail than is possible by all other methods and permits etching of holes to a depth ten times greater than the hole diameter.

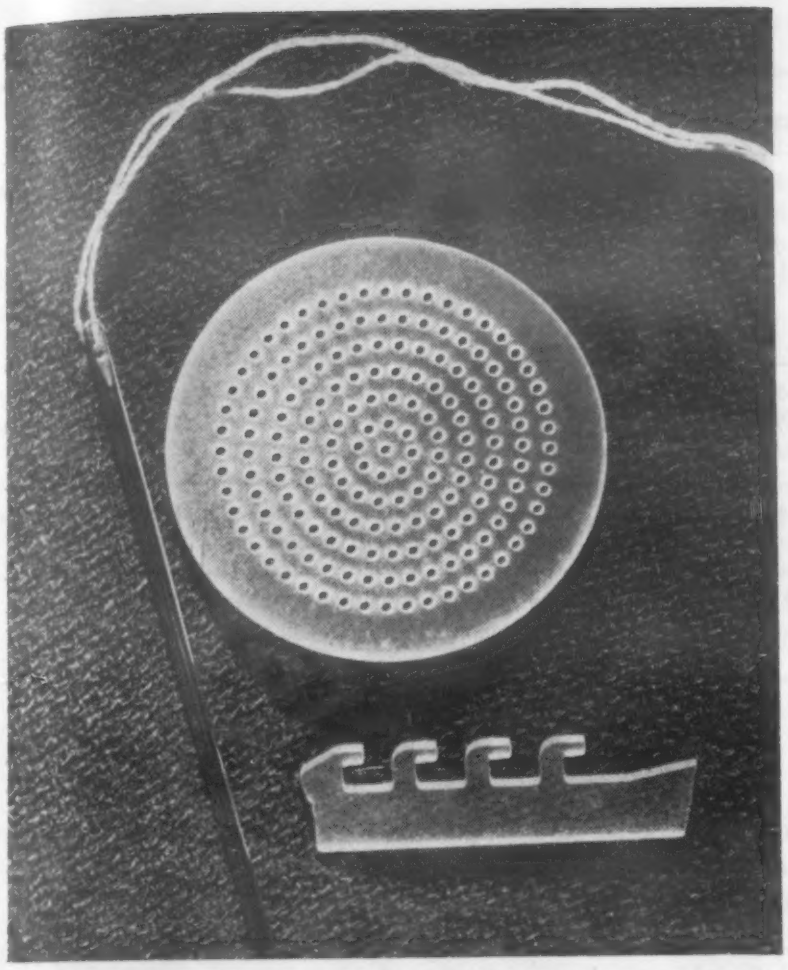
Extreme accuracy of the new glass derives from a high etching ratio (solubility ratio of unexposed to exposed portions of the glass in hydrofluoric acid) of about 15 to 1. Conventional glasses have an etching or solubility ratio of about 1 to 1. Because of this high ratio, holes etched in the new glass have a side wall taper of only 4 deg instead of the 45 deg taper obtained with regular glasses and techniques. This low taper facilitates etching of extremely small, close-tolerance holes with close center-to-center distances. Typical dimensions are shown in Table 1. The hour-glass shape illustrated is obtained simply by exposing both sides of the glass to hydrofluoric acid simultaneously. The conical shape is obtained by sealing off one side with a wax coat so that etching proceeds from the reverse side only.

Types and sizes

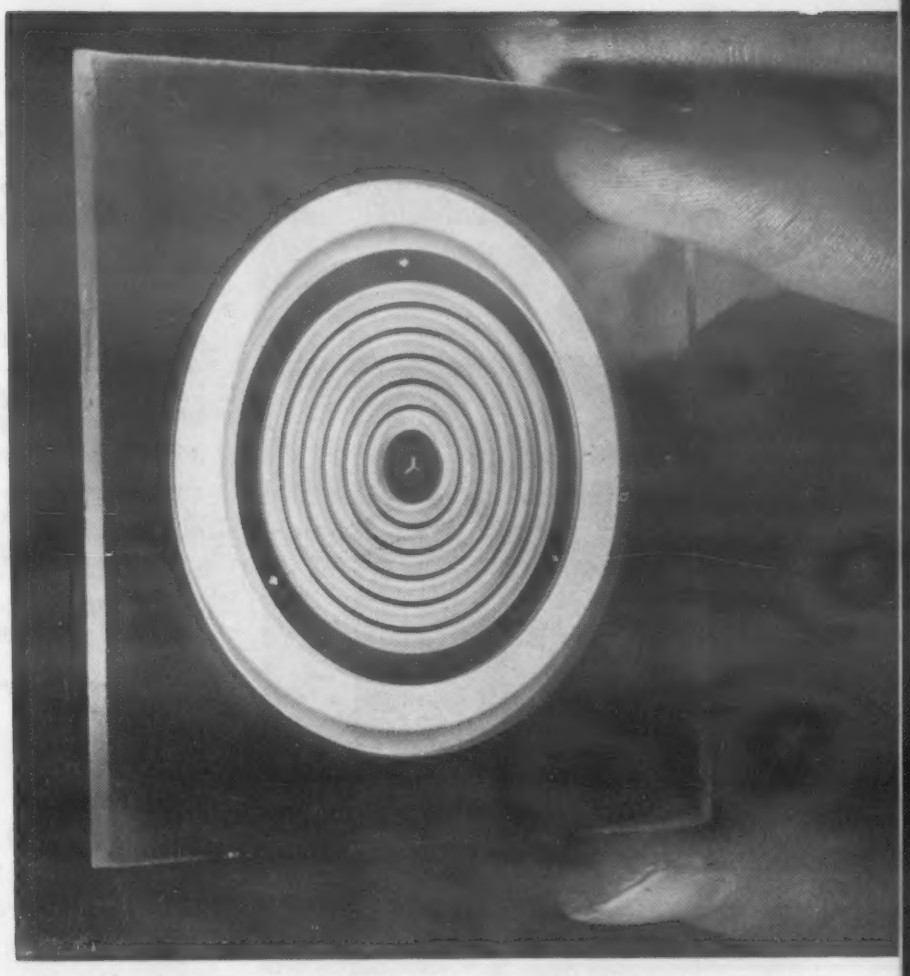
General design considerations are similar to those used with conventional glasses. Since glass tends to fail in tension, components should be designed for compression loading wherever possible.

Ultraviolet exposure and heat treatment of the glass create different glasses varying in structure and properties with the parent glass (see Table 2). The most common forms of the glass after processing are forms B and C. Form B is a clear, unexposed glass that has been heat treated. Form C is glass that has been converted to etchable opal form by exposure to light and subsequent heat treatment. This form, sometimes called Opal Fotoform, has a higher annealing and strain point than the transparent form and can be used at higher temperatures without permanent deformation. It also possesses a higher coefficient of thermal expansion (Table 3).

Following exposure, the treated



Thermocouple holder *(top) and electric relay bar (bottom) dimensions are held to close tolerances after etching.*

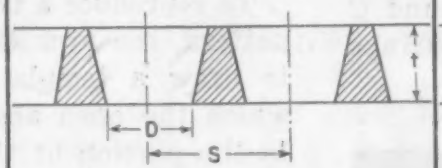


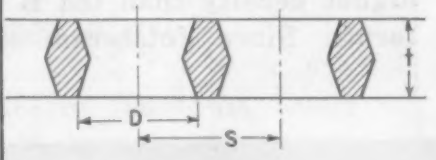
Partial etch *is obtained by withdrawing glass from acid bath before exposed opal portion is completely eaten away.*

piece of glass consists of both forms—C, where light has passed through the negative, and B where it has been masked by the negative. Total etching removes the C form glass. The B form glass remaining is still sensitive to ultraviolet light. Consequently, if a nontransparent glass or different electrical properties are required, the B form glass can be converted to the opal C form by re-exposure to the light source. To prevent conversion of the entire piece to opal glass, a negative may be used to selectively expose portions for the desired resistivity or transparency pattern.

Presently, the glass is made only in sheet form and in standard thicknesses (before etching) from 0.055 to 0.250 in. Nonstandard thicknesses can be obtained by grinding. For thicknesses greater than 0.250 in., the glass may be laminated with a suitable epoxy cement. Alignment holes

TABLE 1—TYPICAL TOLERANCES AND SPACINGS FOR ETCHED HOLES

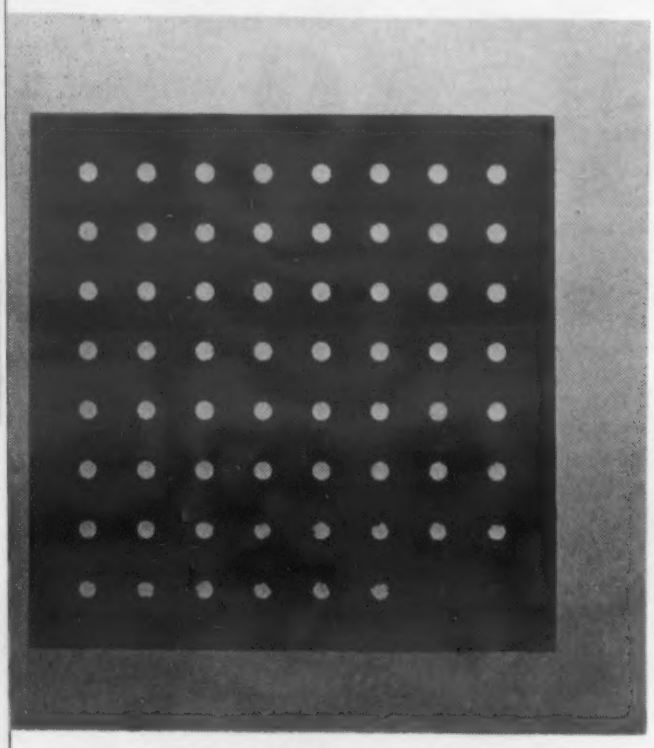




	One Side Etch						Two Side Etch					
Nominal thick. before etch (t) in.	0.055	0.080	0.125	0.150	0.180	0.250	0.055	0.080	0.125	0.150	0.180	0.250
Min Clearance (S-D), in.	0.007	0.010	0.015	0.019	0.022	0.031	0.003	0.005	0.008	0.009	0.011	0.016
Hole dia (D) in.	Spacing, (S), in.						Spacing, (S), in.					
0.006	0.013	....	....	....	....	....	0.009	....	....	....	....	....
0.010	0.017	0.020	....	....	....	....	0.013	0.015	....	....	....	....
0.015	0.022	0.025	0.030	0.034	....	....	0.018	0.020	0.023	0.024	....	....
0.020	0.027	0.030	0.035	0.039	0.042	....	0.023	0.025	0.028	0.029	0.031	....
0.025	0.032	0.035	0.040	0.044	0.047	0.056	0.028	0.030	0.033	0.034	0.036	0.041
0.050	0.057	0.060	0.065	0.069	0.072	0.081	0.053	0.055	0.058	0.059	0.061	0.066
0.100	0.107	0.110	0.115	0.119	0.122	0.131	0.103	0.105	0.108	0.109	0.111	0.116
0.250	0.257	0.260	0.265	0.269	0.272	0.281	0.253	0.255	0.258	0.259	0.261	0.266
0.500	0.507	0.510	0.515	0.519	0.522	0.531	0.503	0.505	0.508	0.509	0.511	0.566

Hole Tolerances, in.	Center-to-Center Tolerances, in.	Edge Tolerances, in.
Up to ¼ dia ±0.001	0 to 1 ±0.001	0 to 1 ±0.002
¼ to 1 dia ±0.002	1 to 4 ±0.003	1 to 4 ±0.005
Over 1 dia ±0.005	4 to 7 ±0.005	Over 4 ±0.010

***Special lighting effects** are obtained by using brown-black opaque glass in combination with clear glass. Applications include multicellular lights, directional louvering and chopper discs.*



for pin location can be etched in each laminate.

By proper exposure and development, Fotoform can be converted to a highly crystalline material resembling a ceramic. Called Fotoceram, this glass is much harder than ordinary glasses and about three times as strong. As noted in Table 3, this glass has a higher density than the B and C forms. Since Fotoceram shrinks while cooling, the final shape is smaller than the original. Larger tolerances are usually necessary since the shrinkage rate from piece to piece is not uniform, but work is underway to bring the shrinkage rate under control.

TABLE 2—TYPES OF FOTOFORM GLASS

A	Unprocessed glass.
B	Clear, heat treated glass that has not been exposed to ultraviolet light. This is also the glass that remains after etching has been completed.
C	Glass that has been converted to the etchable opal form by exposure to ultraviolet light and heat treatment. This form is used where opacity or high electrical resistivity is required.
D	A glass panel that is a combination of the B and C types. The C areas may be partially etched. Type D is used where both high and low resistivity areas are required in the same piece of glass, or else to obtain partially recessed designs.
E	Brown-black opaque glass. This type can be used for multicellular lights or in combination with the B form for directional louvering, chopper disks, etc.
Fotoceram	Processed glass that has the same electrical properties as type C, but higher strength, melting point (1607 F) and thermal expansion. Dimensional accuracy, however, is lower.

How "chemical machining" works

The photochemical or "chemical machining" method of forming glass is based upon a differential etching process which dissolves away those portions of photosensitive glass that have been exposed to ultraviolet light.

To reproduce a two dimensional pattern, the first step required is to draw a template or mask in which the open areas correspond to the portion of the glass to be removed. For precision work this pattern is usually drawn many times oversize and reduced photographically to the final size required.

The photographic negative is then placed over a piece of the parent glass and exposed to a collimated ultraviolet light source. Subsequent heat treatment of the glass for approximately one hour causes the exposed portion of the glass to crystallize, forming an opal image in an unexposed clear glass background.

The exposed portion of the glass has a rate of solution in dilute hydrofluoric acid approximately 15 times that of the clear unexposed glass and can be either partially or completely etched out. If both sides of the glass are etched simultaneously, a hole with an hourglass cross-section is formed. Conical cross-sections are

***Stylus guide** (left), vacuum tube spacer (upper), relay pusher bar and 64-hole perforated plate typify small components that can be etched from photosensitive glass.*

TABLE 3—MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF FOTOFORM GLASSES

	Type B	Type C	Fotoceram	Soda Lime Glass	Borosilicate Glass
Coefficient of thermal expansion, F	46×10^{-7}	48×10^{-7}	58×10^{-7}	51×10^{-7}	18×10^{-7}
Annealing point, F	846	1173	—	950	1031
Strain point, F	846	1087	—	892	959
Specific gravity	2.36	2.36	2.45	2.47	2.23
Resistivity at 77 F, ohm-cm	5×10^{12}	6×10^{15}	6×10^{15}	1×10^{11}	3×10^{13}
Modulus of elasticity, psi	10×10^{6}	10×10^{6}	10×10^{6}	9.8×10^{6}	9.8×10^{6}
Poisson's ratio	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22
Allowable working stress in tension, psi	1000	1000	3000	1000	1000

obtained by wax coating one side of the glass so that the acid etches from the opposite side only.

Variations of the waxing technique can also be used to produce more elaborate shapes. Blind holes or slots can be combined with through holes or slots in the same piece of glass. This is done by waxing off both sides of the blind holes and etching the through holes from either one or both sides. When the through holes are etched out, the glass is taken out of the acid and the wax removed from the blind holes on one side of the glass. The glass is then placed in the acid bath and the blind holes etched to the required depth. Final finishing operations, such as grinding, polishing, metallizing or laminating, differ very little from those used with ordinary glass.

Applications

The new glass has been used experimentally for a number of applications including relay pusher bars, stylus guides, thermocouple wire guides, jigs for detailed assemblies and screens in electronic storage tubes. Previously, copper screens coated with a thin dielectric had been used as electrostatic capacitive elements in storage tubes. To obtain a relatively thick dielectric, development is proceeding with a glass screen coated with a conductor. Standard screens are presently available in 50 and 300 mesh sizes in thicknesses from 0.004 to 0.055 in. A 500 mesh screen is under development and several have been made on an experimental basis.

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***Brush holder** for digital converter is etched from one side to produce conical holes. In background is plate containing several holders, it has been exposed and developed but not etched. At right is digital converter and harness assembly, consisting of two brush holders and terminal board.*

Glass Chosen for Accurate Brush Holder Assembly

The extreme accuracy of etched Fotoform glass accounts for its use in a number of precise assemblies where close linear dimensions and tolerances are required. The use of glass as a brush holder in a small, lightweight, airborne digital converter (above) is typical of these applications. This device converts rotary shaft motion into a binary number by means of wire brushes which ride on flush contact circuits driven by the rotating shaft. To insure reliability, two wire brushes ride each commutator section.

Originally the converter was manufactured with 0.0065-in. dia single wire brush contacts and a glass fiber reinforced plastic laminate brush holder. The laminate was drilled with 0.015-in. dia holes, the smallest size that could be drilled in the original laminate material. Since the wires fitted loosely in the relatively large holes, a secure wire mount and accurate positioning of the brush contacts was difficult to obtain.

The solution to this problem was made by redesigning the brush holders to take advantage of the properties of the photosenstive glass. The redesigned holder is now provided with rectangular holes, 0.0075 by 0.015 in., and the two 0.0065-in. dia wires inserted side by side in each hole.

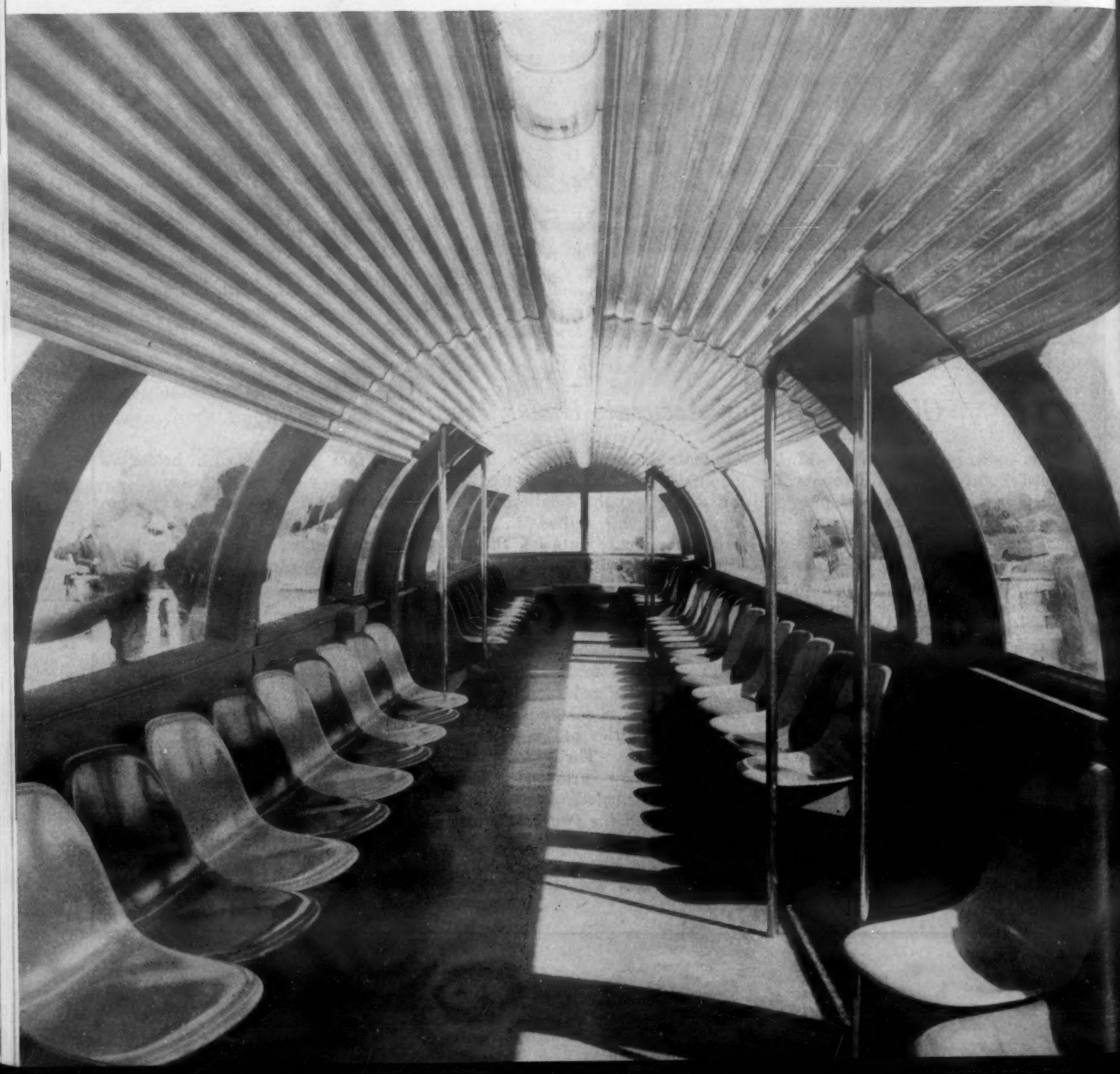
These holes are etched from one face of the brush holder to obtain a conical shape cross-section. The lip of this section provides a sharp reference plane about which the free ends of the brush cantilever. Spacing of brush holder slots is held to a tolerance of ± 0.001 in. over a distance of almost 1½ in. Thus, the high accuracy achieved in the location and size of the rectangular holes makes possible the positioning of the double brush contacts within close tolerances. An etched glass alignment plate is also used during assembly to locate the free ends of the brushes accurately while the fixed ends are cemented to the brush holder.

Materials At Work

Plastics cut weight of first U. S. monorail

The first U. S. monorail runs for only 970 ft, but others like it are expected to solve mass transportation problems. Except for its length, the experimental monorail in Houston is a full-scale system. Called the Skyway, it uses fundamentally the same principle as the monorail in Wuppertal, Germany, which since 1903 has carried more than 900,000,000 passengers without a fatal accident.

But to compare the noisy, 25-mph German Schwebebahn to the Texas Skyway is said to be like comparing a Model T to a 1956 automobile. With two 305-hp gasoline engines, the Skyway is built to go 60 mph



and its passengers find it no more noisy than a modern elevator.

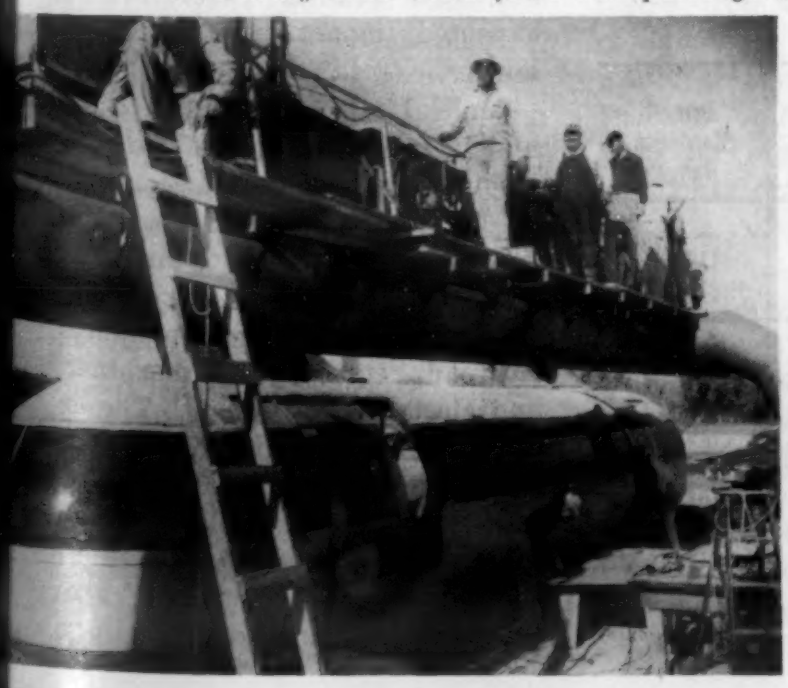
The exterior of the pilot line coach is covered with about 3000 sq ft of fiber glass reinforced plastics. This is believed to be the largest commercial use ever made of the material. The windows are made of acrylic plastics, but in its future models, Monorail, Inc., is planning to install Solar-Glass.

The ceiling in the coach is paneled with glass fiber reinforced plastic held in place by fluted aluminum braces. Designed by Charles Eames, the seats are constructed of an extremely durable plastic, reinforced with glass fibers. The seating arrangement is patterned after the modern bus system in Stockholm. The coach, 7 ft high, 8 ft wide, 55 ft long, seats 60 and can provide standing room for 50 more.

The coach weighs about 26,700 lb. This is about 400 lb per passenger and compares with 1000 lb per passenger on a bus and 2500 lb for railroad coaches.

From the experience gained in building this $150,000 line, Monorail, Inc., states that it can construct commercial monorail systems for about $500,000 a mile at the rate of 1 mile a week. This is twice the cost of laying railroad tracks, but less than for a subway.

Towers *have inverted J-shape to cantilever over streets. Highest tower is 30 ft, lowest 10 ft. Hollow steel 30-in rail was tested with 30-ton army tank. Coach filled with passengers weighs about 15 tons.*



"Power nacelle" *is being fitted to coach. Nacelle contains the wheels, two 305-hp gasoline engines, braking system and interlocking guide rails. Later nacelle, towers and rail were given an aluminum coating.*

Possible speed *of Skyway is 250 mph underground or overhead. Steel frame of coach utilizes "concentric suspension."*

Tower here *is 10 ft high. Eight rubber tires on track are nylon blowout proof. Should anything happen to them, eight auxiliary steel wheels take over.*

Evaluating the capabilities *of malleable iron in the early design stages can lead to lower materials and production costs.*

Redesigning for Malleable Iron Castings

Toughness, excellent machinability, good atmospheric corrosion resistance are some of the reasons why malleable iron castings are meeting many of industry's needs.

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■ The successful application of malleable iron castings depends on proper evaluation of their properties. Among the most useful characteristics are toughness, ductility and good resistance to atmospheric corrosion. Malleable irons also have excellent machinability and casting properties, which make possible sound castings in complicated as well as simple forms.

MALLEABLE IRON GRADES

Grade	ASTM Spec	Tensile Str, psi (min)	Yield Point, psi (min)	Elong in 2 in., % (min)	Brinell Hardness Range[a]
STANDARD					
32510	A47-52	50,000	32,500	10	110-145
35018	A47-52	53,000	35,000	18	110-145
PEARLITIC					
45010	A220-55T	65,000	45,000	10	163-207
45007	"	68,000	45,000	7	163-217
48004	"	70,000	48,000	4	163-228
50007	"	75,000	50,000	7	179-228
53004	"	80,000	53,000	4	197-241
60003	"	80,000	60,000	3	197-255
80002	"	100,000	80,000	2	241-269

[a] Not a requirement of the specification.

Most malleable iron castings are produced in two standard grades. However, the production of pearlitic malleable castings, although small when compared with the total tonnage of the standard grades, is increasing rapidly because of the wide range of mechanical properties obtainable. Two standard and seven pearlitic grades covered in the ASTM specifications are given in a table. Code numbers of the grades indicate yield strength and elongation. Thus, grade 32510 has a minimum yield strength of 32,500 psi and a minimum elongation of 10% in 2 in. Tensile strength of the various grades ranges from 50,000 to 100,000 psi while elongation decreases from 18 to 2% with increasing strength. Brinell hardness ranges from 110 to 270.

Considerably higher tensile and yield strengths can be obtained in the pearlitic grades by standard quenching and tempering procedures. However, these improvements in strength are accompanied by a reduction in elongation.

An important property of standard malleable iron is its excellent toughness which provides high impact resistance. Thus, the material can be used widely in applications where the part must resist shock loading. As measured by the standard Charpy test, impact resistance of the standard grades ranges from about 12 to 17 ft-lb. The ductility of the pearlitic grades is lower than the standard grades. Therefore, as expected, impact resistance is also lower.

Malleable iron castings are used widely in many fields of industry. About half the production goes to the automotive industry but considerable quantities are used also in aircraft, agricultural equipment, hardware, appliances, railroad equipment, machinery and electrical equipment. The excellent properties described above lead also to the use of malleable iron castings to replace certain other types of parts. These include weldments, forgings, gray iron castings and steel castings.

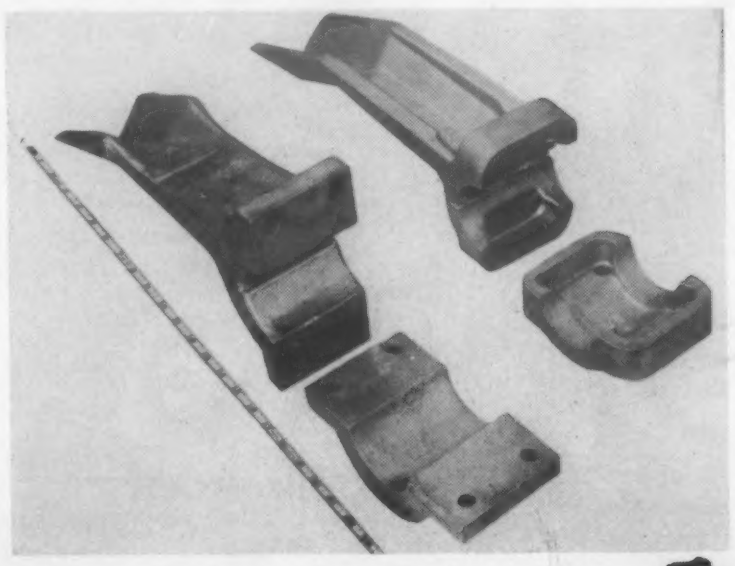
Malleable proved successful for these parts:

Conversion from Gray Iron

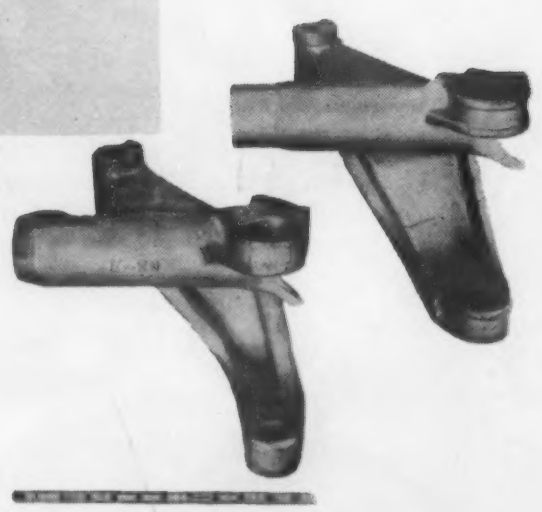
An error that frequently occurs in the design of a new casting is the selection of gray iron for use in applications that require ductility. In this case the part is designed with extra heavy sections that are intended to carry the load under average service conditions. However, a sudden shock load sometimes causes such parts to break.

A mower sickle bar hinge was originally made of alloy gray iron and weighed approximately 38 lb. When this part was converted to malleable iron the weight was reduced approximately 10 lb and failures that had occurred under sudden shock load were eliminated.

Breakage can also occur in a gray iron casting during assembly because it is not ductile. Shown at right on this page are a gray iron cap and arm that were clamped about a shaft. Breakage frequently resulted during assembly. The gray iron casting weighed approximately 31½ lb. It was redesigned to a malleable casting weighing 23½ lb. The gray iron cap was also redesigned to malleable with a reduction in weight from 9 lb to 5¾ lb. Failures due to breakage were eliminated by the use of the more ductile malleable material.



Cap and arm *produced originally in gray iron sometimes broke during clamping. Conversion to malleable iron eliminated breakage and resulted in a weight saving of 8 lb in the arm and 3¼ lb in the cap.*



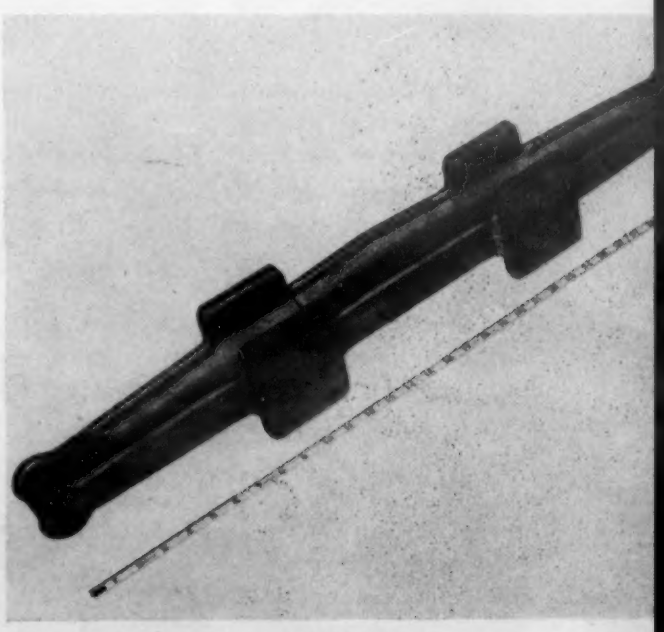
Mower sickle bar hinge *converted from gray iron (left) to malleable iron resulted in a reduction in weight from 38 to 28 lb.*

Conversion from Forgings

By the development of pearlitic malleable irons, the design engineer has achieved greater freedom in the area of high strength parts and thus can sometimes replace forged parts by castings of their materials. The cost of forging dies makes relatively short run production parts economically undesirable. This is not the case with pearlitic malleable iron since a proper grade to be used in a part can be cast from relatively low cost patterns.

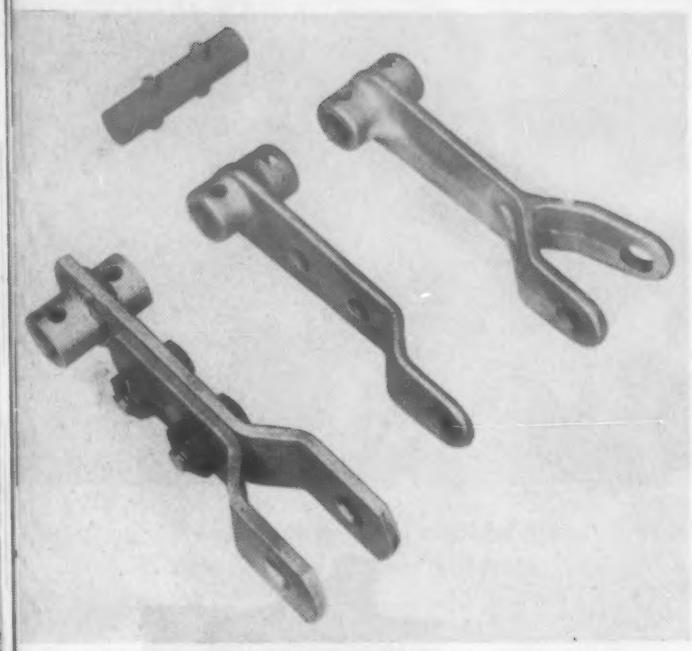
There are a number of advantages in making this conversion. Castings normally require less than half the draft needed for forgings. This saves materials and machining if done on a draft surface. There is a further advantage in weight reduction through proper design. Coring can often eliminate machining of internal areas and holes. As a further advantage, pearlitic malleable iron is more readily machined than the usual steels that would be replaced. Pearlitic malleable iron has been used to replace forgings in automotive rocker arms, crankshafts and axles.

The axle shown in an accompanying figure was formerly a forging to which four steel plates were welded. Total cost including machining was approximately $23. The malleable casting costs only $12.50 including machining. Similarly, a reduction of 20¢ per piece was achieved by changing from a forged crank shaft to a malleable casting. In both cases grade 35018 malleable iron was used.



Axle *originally produced as a forging to which four steel plates were welded cost approximately $23 including machining. Completed cost of the malleable iron replacement is $12.50.*

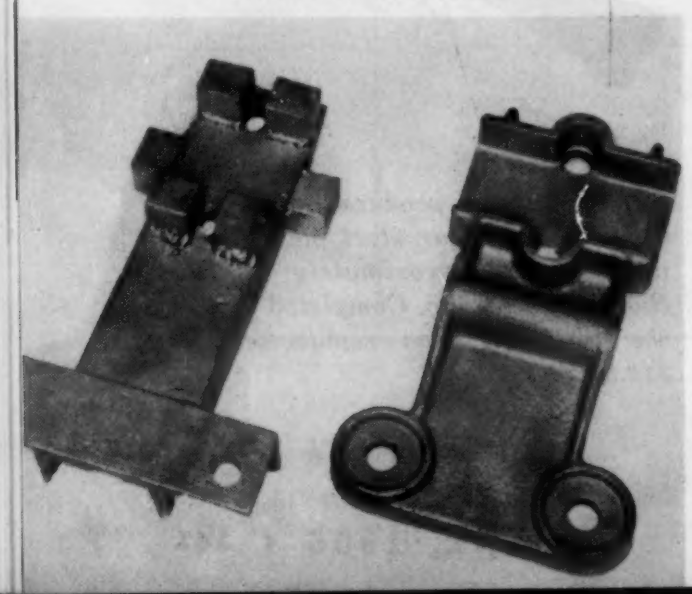
Conversion from Weldments



Arm *converted in two stages from a bolted weldment to a bolted malleable iron casting and then to a single malleable iron casting.*

Shredder hammers *converted from weldments (bottom) to castings have eliminated build-up of soil at the angle of the tee because of smoother configuration of the part.*

Knife holder *conversion from weldment to malleable iron casting reduced cost of this part by eliminating a number of hand operations.*



Bearing housing *conversion from a weldment to a casting reduced the cost from $1.84 to $1.41 per piece.*

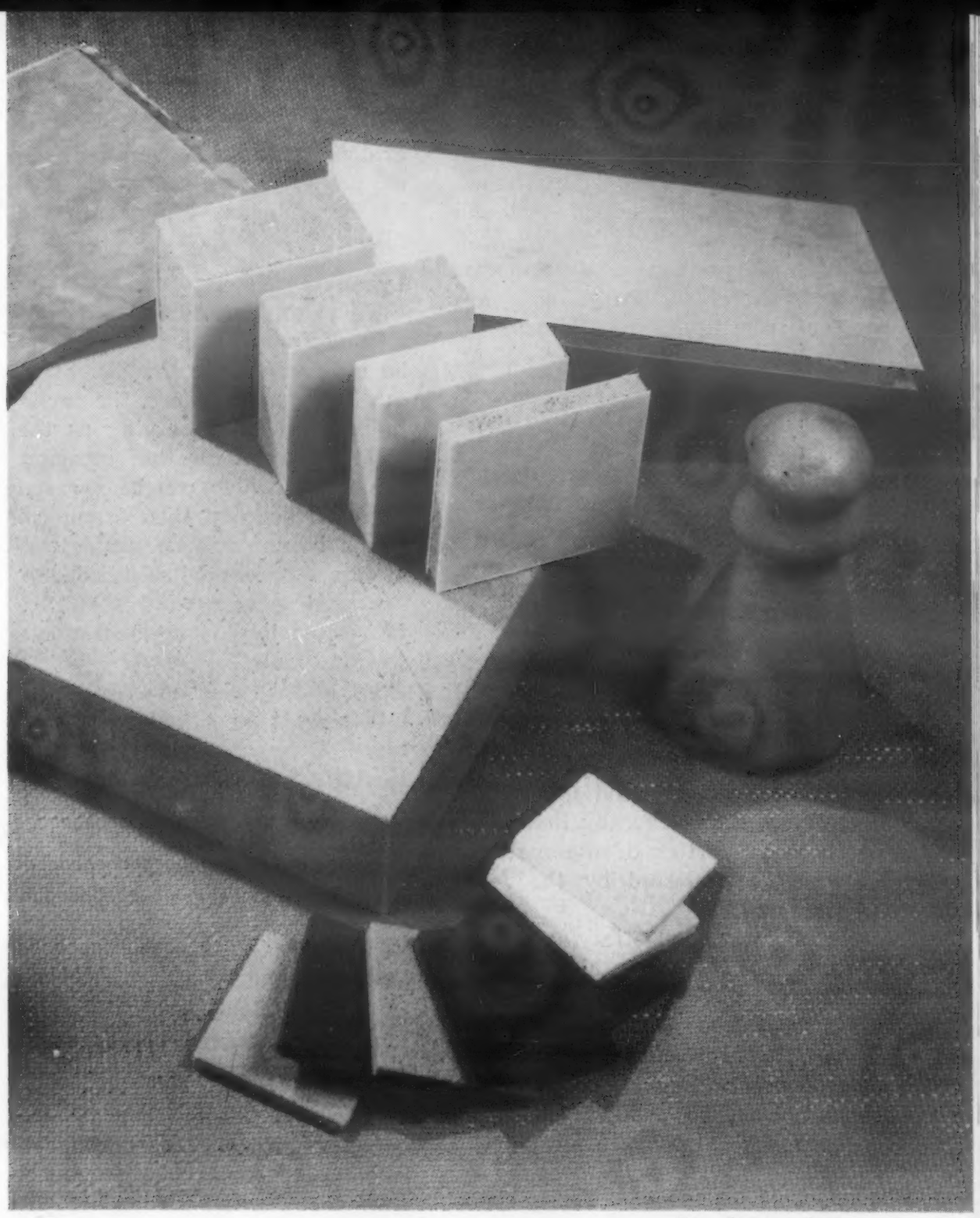
Often parts are designed as weldments without any true idea of the cost of the part. Considering only the cost of raw materials and direct labor to weld a few simple components, a price may appear to be quite reasonable. However, the cost of a weldment should include the particular cutting, stamping, shearing, breaking and waste material cost necessary to produce the component. Further, production welding requires properly made fixtures and jigs that often are equivalent to or greater in cost than the pattern equipment required to produce a casting.

Castings also have certain inherent advantages over some kinds of weldments. Complicated weldments have a tendency to warp and before assembly must be either straightened or machined whereas the casting can be produced closer to the final shape. Whenever it is necessary to weld a number of pieces together to form a single assembly there is always a problem of maintaining consistently good welds at all the joints.

Another advantage in castings is the possibility of eliminating weight by modifying the design. Bearing surfaces usually determine the over-all plate dimensions used in weldments. This is not necessary in a casting. The metal can be placed where needed, using bosses, thus reducing the total cost of the part. Required machining can often be reduced also by coring the casting to provide internal cavities at low cost.

Several examples of the savings made by the conversion from weldment to malleable iron castings are given in the accompanying illustrations. A weldment made from 1020 steel can be duplicated by a malleable casting of equal metal section. Pearlitic malleables compare favoraby with steels of higher properties. For instance, a bearing housing shown in an accompanying figure was originally made by welding a bracket onto the side of a piece of pipe. The cost of the weldment, including labor and material, was $1.84. The component shown to the left, a malleable iron replacement, cost $1.41, including machining.

Another example is the yoke shown in an accompanying illustration. The arm was originally designed as a weldment and a formed steel strap was bolted to it to complete the yoke end. The tubing had to be reamed because of distortion in welding and the four small holes had to be drilled for roll pins. The arm was converted to malleable iron as shown in the center illustration and all machining was eliminated by the use of cores. For some time the customer continued to bolt the steel strap to the casting for assembly of a trunnion within the yoke. However, eventually the design shown to the right was developed. In this case the yoke end is cast with an offset. After trunnion is inserted, yoke is closed cold permanently in assembly.



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Urea Formaldehyde

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Foam Plastics

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Here is the most up-to-date information on the ten types of commercially available plastics foams. Materials include flexible, rigid-foamed in place, and rigid-prefoamed cellular resins. Though data are far from complete on these new materials this manual discusses:

- *Chemical composition*
- *Physical and mechanical properties*
- *Forming and fabrication*
- *Applications*

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This is another in a series of comprehensive articles on engineering materials. These sections provide the reader with useful data on characteristics and uses of materials, parts and finishes.

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■ Expanded, cellular, or foamed plastics are new materials. Though a great deal has been said and written about them, they are still in an early stage of development and, therefore, design data are far from complete. Present-day demands for lighter-weight, stronger materials and for materials with better energy absorption characteristics are hastening the study of these unique materials so that they can be properly engineered for most effective use.

Foamed plastics are resinous materials of a porous or cellular structure. They can be fabricated to suit many end-uses. Because foams are formed from basic resins, many of their properties are governed by those of the resin. In this manual, therefore, discussion of physical and mechanical properties is generally limited to those properties of the material which are altered by the foam structure.

In general, plastics foams feature good thermal insulation properties, excellent electrical characteristics and favorable strength-to-weight ratios. Mechanical properties, as well as being dependent on the type of resin, vary with the type of cell structure and the density of the foam. Density of commercial foams currently available ranges from less than one to over 40 lb per cu ft. Higher strengths are obtained with higher densities and vice versa. Physical properties can also be affected by the addition of pigments and fillers.

Types

There are several ways of classifying foamed plastics. They can be either *rigid* or *flexible*. Some can be *foamed-in-place*, the cavity to be filled often serving as the mold. Included in this category are foams which can be sprayed on a surface and then expanded. Other types must be *prefoamed*. They are purchased as finished or as rough shapes, and then are fabricated by conventional woodworking tools.

Expanded plastics can have either *open* or *closed cell* structures. This characteristic is particularly important in determining buoyancy characteristics, since open celled or interconnected type foams absorb liquids. It is also important in acoustical insulation applications, since closed cells tend to reflect sound rather than absorb it. The biggest application of open-cell flexible foam is cushioning and padding for comfort and safety purposes.

Resins

Foams currently attracting most commercial interest are the urethanes, both flexible and rigid, the flexible vinyls, and the rigid polystyrenes. Other foams, which are out of the laboratory stage, but are not yet commercially prominent, are based on cellulose acetate, phenolic, silicone, epoxy, polyethylene and urea formaldehyde resins. The purpose of this manual is to present, as fully as present-day data allow, the properties and characteristics of all these materials, so that the engineer or designer will know what materials are available and what they can do.

The resins are divided into three main categories:

1. Flexible: Urethane and vinyl foams can be produced as flexible or semi-rigid materials. Cellular polyethylene is considered only as a flexible material, though it has a higher degree of rigidity than conventional polyethylene.

2. Rigid, Foamed-in-Place: This category contains one of the polystyrene formulations, rigid urethanes, phenolics, silicones and syntactic foams. The similar characteristic of all these foam materials is that the formulations can be purchased, and the materials foamed or cast to shape by the user. All of the resulting foams are rigid.

3. Rigid, Prefoamed: The remaining resins, the other polystyrene formulation, cellulose acetate, epoxies and ureas, are rigid materials, usually foamed by the supplier and purchased as finished or rough shapes.

Flexible Foam Plastics

Urethanes

Urethane foams can be produced with a wide variety of properties and characteristics. Primary interest lies in the flexible types, though they can be made rigid or semi-rigid as well. (See section on Rigid, Foamed-in-Place Foams.) They can have open or closed cells. Density, which is regulated by the ingredients, can be varied from less than one to over 30 lb per cu ft.

Urethane foams are made by reacting diisocyanates with selected polyols such as polyesters, which are chain extended by reaction with water. The conversion of the polyol to a higher polymer with the simultaneous evolution of carbon dioxide gas forms the cellular material. If the original viscosity of the polyol is favorable, and if the chain extension takes place at the proper rate, the carbon dioxide gas is trapped in the gel structure. The resultant cellular structure cures to a stable solid state through the aid of a catalyst in the compound.

The character and proportion of the original ingredients determine the properties of the end foam. Long straight chain type polyols with fairly high molecular weights produce elastic, foam rubber-like products, while polyfunctional branched low molecular weight type polyols yield rigid foams. The amount of carbon dioxide released (which determines density) can be controlled by altering the amount of excess diisocyanate and water used in the formulation.

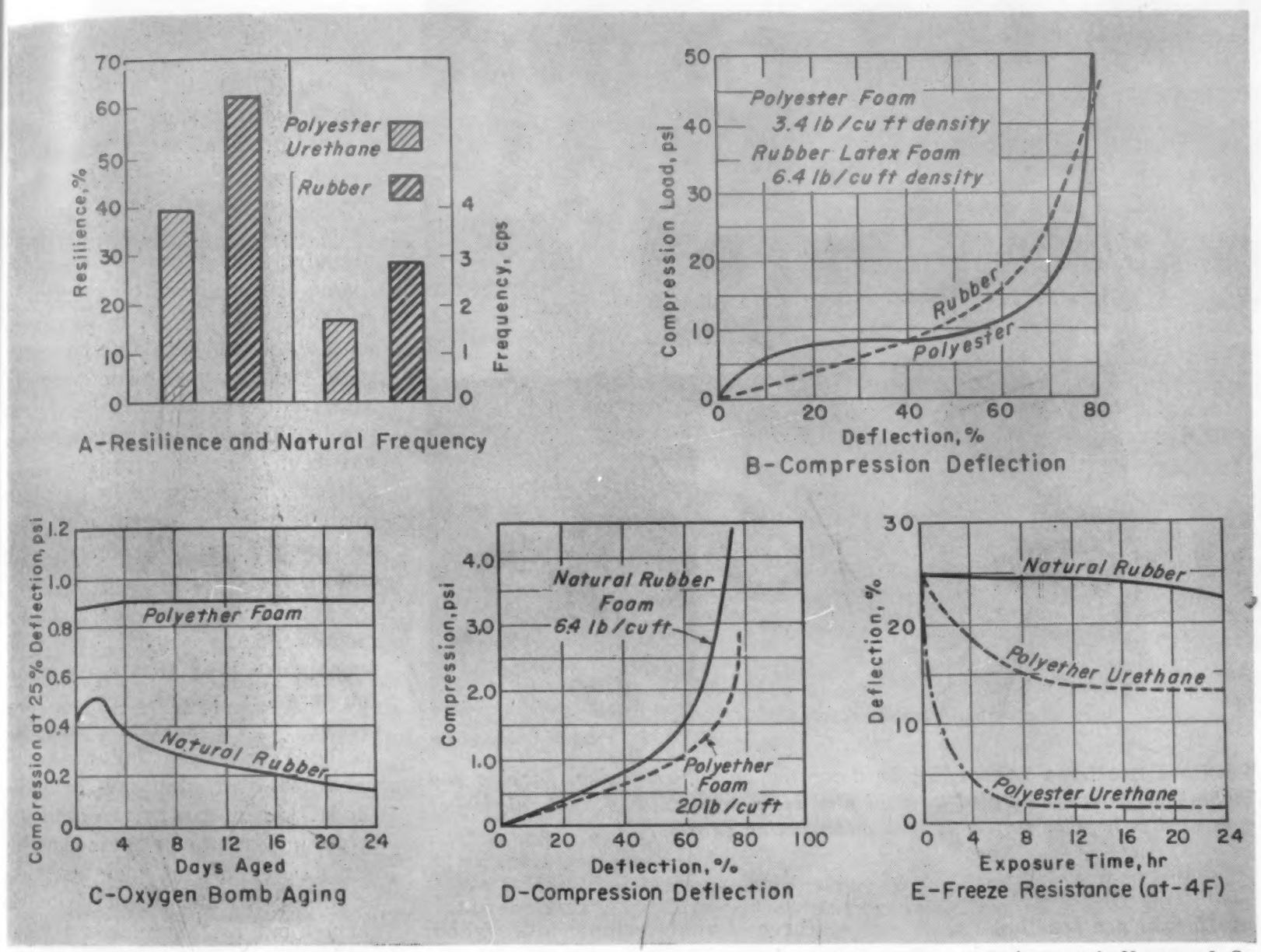

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Fig 1 Flexible urethane foams *of the polyester and ether types are compared with each other and with foam rubber.*

Diisocyanates are very active aromatic compounds and must be handled with care in well ventilated working areas. Exposure to diisocyanate vapors should be avoided. It should be emphasized, however, that these materials can be used safely by observing manufacturers' instructions for proper handling and storage. The expanded foams are not considered to be toxic.

Flexible compositions — While flexible urethanes have been used on a fairly large scale in Germany for some time, they are still in the early production stages in this country. Formulations developed cover a broad range of flexibilities, moduli, densities, and mechanical strength. Flexible polyurethane foams are noted for their excellent physical strength, abrasion resistance, thermal insulating properties and chemical resistance. The principal interest in their use has been in cushioning applications. One of the major limitations of the flexible formulations is inability to foam them into anything but slab stock.

At present, there are two major types of flexible urethane foams. One is obtained by reacting saturated polyester resins with a diisocyanate, the other—a very recent development—is obtained by reacting diisocyanate with long chain ether glycols (Fig. 1).

Polyester-based flexible urethanes are well suited for cushioning applications such as automobile crash pads and clothing liners, but they lack certain characteristics desirable for seating and bedding applications. Deflection characteristics of the material are quite different from those of foam rubber. Urethanes are characterterized by a point of inflection at about 6-10% compression, which results in a plateau effect when compressive force is applied. Other disadvantages of the material are relatively low freeze resistance and aging qualities.

Though not yet in full production, the new polyether flexible foams have shown considerably better properties than the original polyesters. Resiliency is comparable to foam rubber and the load deflection for a 2 lb per cu ft foam closely matches that of a 6 lb per cu ft latex foam. Freeze resistance, though not equal to foam rubber, is superior to that of the polyester-based urethanes. In general, the polyether foams are at least equal or superior to any of the commercially available polyester-based foams today. While polyether foams present certain processing difficulties they have been successfully molded into 7-in.-deep bus cushions and mattresses. Experiments indicate that total molding cycles on the order

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Flexible urethane foams *can be decorated by silk-screening, flocking and embossing, or can be sealed to vinyl film, sewn or stapled to light fabrics, or cemented to heavier materials such as carpeting or rugs.*

of 15 min are feasible.

Semi-rigid compositions—Based on castor oil-diisocyanate reaction products, semi-rigid polyurethane foams are essentially of closed cell construction, especially at higher densities. They have excellent thermal and electrical insulation characteristics and good mechanical strength properties. Adhesion to various material is excellent, and tough foams can be produced at room temperature in a matter of minutes, in densities generally ranging from 2-25 lb per cu ft (see Table 1).

The principal fields of application of this type of foam are where characteristics such as thermal insulation are of prime importance, and where service temperature ranges are not too high. Promising uses include railroad car insulation, field installed pipe and equipment insulation, and acoustical insulation, particularly for the lower density foams.

Forming and fabrication—Formulations consist of two or three liquid components which must be mixed in definite proportions at room temperature. Mixing is generally carried out on or near the point of application. Though hand mixing can be employed successfully for small batches, special mixing equipment must be used for larger amounts. Conventional mixing equipment causes problems because of the high reaction speeds involved. Expanded structures are generally air cured, though a brief oven cure is used in some cases to realize optimum strength properties.

Commercially available foamed-in-place compositions are of two basic types: one-shot, and the prepolymer systems. One-shot foams are produced by reacting a suitable amount of diisocyanate with a selected alkyd or polyester resin which has been properly catalyzed. The prepolymer system involves use of diisocyanate which has been reacted with the resin (either completely or in part) to form a so-called prepolymer. The prepolymer is then foamed by adding the catalyst.

Though the one-shot foaming method is the older of the two, prepolymer type foams are gaining greater prominence in this country. Prepolymer foaming methods have the following advantages over the one-shot method: lower exotherm, allowing larger masses to be foamed without danger of internal charring or discoloration; formulation is carried out by materials suppliers who can usually do it more efficiently; better uniformity of product and reproducibility of results; and greater flexibility of formulation. On the other hand, prepolymers cannot be prepared with every alkyd-isocyanate combination. Certain formulations, designed to provide special properties such as high heat resis-

How plastics are expanded

1. Gas expansion—Gas can be used to form the expanded material by a) introducing gas under pressure directly into a soft plastic mass; b) incorporating under pressure a low boiling point solvent, which volatilizes when the pressure is released at a temperature above the solvent's boiling point; c) aeration or frothing of the soft plastic mass; d) incorporating a chemical or group of chemicals which when heated decompose, releasing gas; and e) reacting chemicals in the formulation which during polymerization release a gas.

2. Soluble solids—A soluble solid material can be incorporated in the soft plastic mass. After the mass has been formed, the material is leached out by solvents.

3. Filler—A bulky filler can be incorporated in a binding resin. Partial fusion of the mass produces a porous material.

4. Bonding fibers—Loose fibrous structures can be bonded with resinous materials to form lightweight porous masses.

tance or maximum strength and dimensional stability can best be furnished in one-shot type compositions.

Vinyls

Vinyl foams can be produced with either open or closed cell structures, in either flexible, rigid or intermediate forms. Primary interest today is in the flexible materials. They can be foamed in a variety of shapes and, since they are thermoplastic materials, can be heat-sealed readily. Thus, they can be joined simply to vinyl or other types of films to produce a wide variety of decorative or functional items. Density can be varied from about 5 to 30 lb per cu ft.

Vinyl foams have outstanding resistance to ozone, moisture, mildew and rot. They are resistant to a variety of chemicals, though they are attacked by ketones and similar solvents. Over 95% of all vinyl foam made today is said to be self-extinguishing.

Since vinyl foams are thermoplastic materials they gradually become softer as temperatures increase, and stiffer as temperatures decrease. Maximum and minimum service temperatures depend on formulation, design of part and service condition. In general, temperature range through which vinyl foam can be used continuously is 20 to 150 F. Foams can be used intermittently at both higher and lower temperatures. Typical properties are shown in Table 2.

The base materials for vinyl foams are plastisols consisting of a vinyl dispersion resin, a plasticizer system, stabilizers, fillers and colorants. There are two different methods of foaming the material. One uses chemical blowing agents which decompose at specific temperature levels to yield a gas, usually nitrogen, which in turn expands the heated plastics mass. The second process (licensed by Elastomer Chemical Corp.) involves mechanically mixing an inert gas into a vinyl compound under pressure and discharging the mass into suitable

TABLE 1—PROPERTIES OF SEMI-RIGID URETHANE FOAMS[a]

Density, lb per cu ft	1	2	4	6	8	10	12	16	20
Yld str (0.2% offset), psi	2.5	4	20	50	75	—	200	—	—
Comp str (50% deflection), psi	5	9	48	78	150	200	380	—	—
Thermal expansion, (−22 to 86 F), 10^{-5} in./in./F	—	1.4	—	—	—	—	—	5	—
Thermal insulation, K	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.23	—	0.26	0.28	0.30
Water absorption, lb/cu ft of foam									
25 day soak	28	24	22.8	—	—	—	—	4	2
120 hr at 50% RH	0.005	0.006	0.027	—	—	—	—	0.067	0.084
120 hr at 98% RH	0.38	0.38	0.39	—	—	—	—	0.359	0.560
Dielectric constant, at 10^3 cps	—	2.2	2.3	—	—	2.5	—	2.7	2.85
Resistivity, 10^{14} ohm-cm	—	6.8	6.9	—	—	7.2	—	7.7	8.3
Sound absorption coef,									
at 250 cps	—	0.73	—	0.20	—	0.22	—	—	—
at 500 cps	—	0.33	—	0.22	—	0.21	—	—	—
at 1000 cps	—	0.37	—	0.20	—	0.31	—	—	—
Bond str, psi									
to aluminum	6	10	27	—	—	56	—	—	158
to glass	5	9	25	—	—	50	—	—	142
to steel	7	12	29	—	—	62	—	—	146
to wood	8	17	29	—	—	62	—	—	170

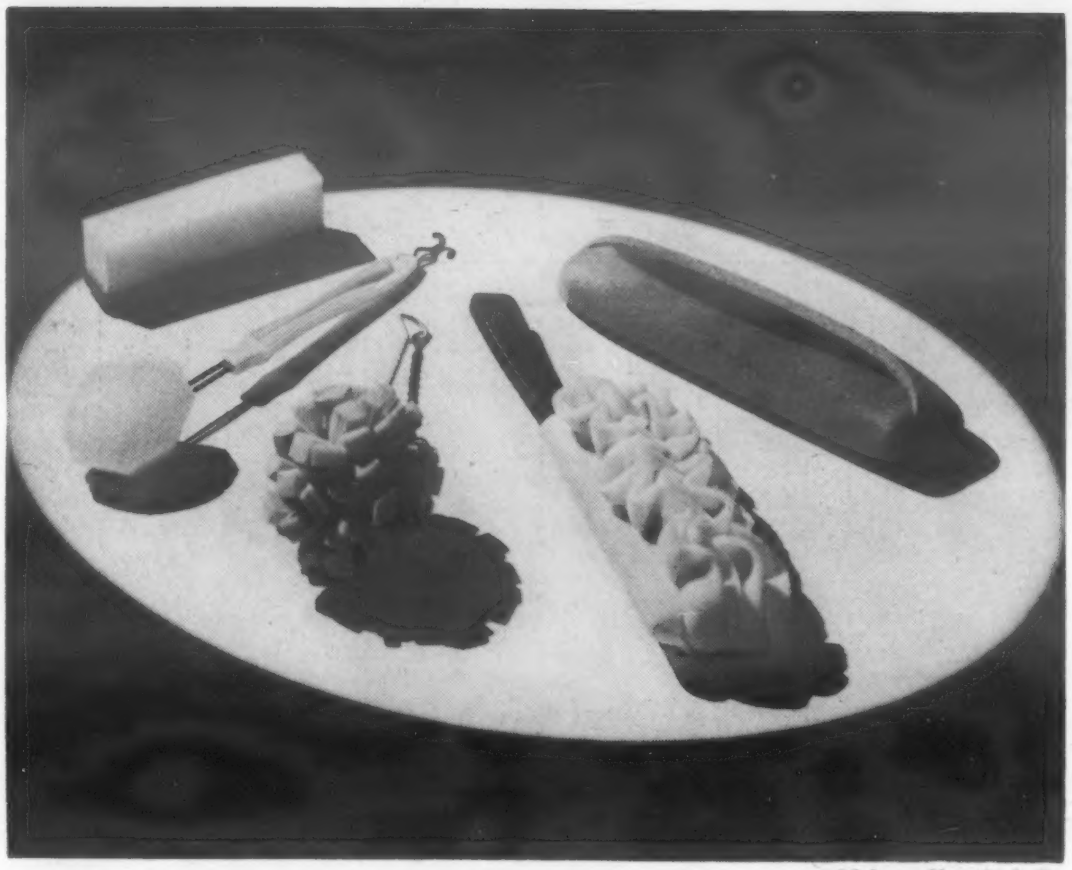
Flame resistance (Fed. Bldg. Spec. SSA118A)	
at 2 lb/cu ft	Incombustible
at 10 lb/cu ft	Self-extinguishing
Max operating temp (no load), F	200
Heat distortion/(5 psi flexure, 0.01 in. deflection), F	130
Chemical resistance	Slight swelling in many chemical solutions. Attacked by strong acids and alkalies.

[a] Pelron No. 3602, Pelron Corp.

TABLE 2—GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF FLEXIBLE VINYL FOAMS (OPEN CELL)

Density, lb/cu ft	4 and up
Heat sealability	Excellent
Tensile strength, psi	10 to 200
Elongation, %	75 to 300
Flammability	Self-extinguishing
Indentation load deflection,[a] lb/50 sq in. at 25% def	3 to 500
Air oven aging (22 hr at 212 F),[a] % Change from orig. ind-load-def	±20
Compression set (2 hr at 158 F),[a] Max % based on original height	15
Dynamic flexing (250,000 cycles),[a] Max % set based on original height	10
Resistance ratings:	
Strong acids	E
Strong alkalies	E
Grease and oils	G
Organic solvents	P to E
Water	E
High relative humidity	E
Sunlight	G

[a] SPI Tentative Specifications and Methods of Test for Vinyl Foams.



Mobay Chemical Co.

Household utility items *have proven the versatility and adaptability of flexible urethane foams for other uses.*

Bakelite Co.

Cellular polyethylene *is combined with conventional polyethylene in insulating this TV lead-in wire. Developed by Belden, the chord is designed particularly for high frequency transmission.*

molds or conveyors for heating and cooling.

Chemically blown foam—By foaming with chemical blowing agents in a mold under pressure and heat, a closed cell vinyl foam is produced, which has found primary applications in insulation and flotation equipment. Vinyl foams made with chemical blowing agents without the use of pressure are generally of the open cell type. A layer of a suitably compounded plastisol is poured into an open face mold or onto a web and cured with heat. Plasticizers have sufficient solvating power to hold the resin particles in suspension at room temperature, yet they dissolve the resin particles at elevated temperatures (about 330 F). The optimum plasticizer system is determined by the solvating characteristics of the resin.

One of the most important determinants of the density of this type of foam is the amount of blowing agent added. In general, densities commercially obtainable with atmospherically blown vinyl foam range from 6 to over 20 lb per cu ft.

The advantages of open cell vinyl foam products include extreme versatility in properties, ranging from soft, foam rubber-like materials with rapid elastic recovery, to more rigid shock-absorbing compositions. Also, such properties as low temperature flexibility, hardness, flame resistance, and elastic behavior can be varied as desired.

Direct gas blown foam—Elastomer's process for producing open cell Vinylfoam by mechanically mixing inert gas into the plastisol, appears to offer several advantages over chemical blowing processes. These include: 1) greater uniformity of product; 2) wider range of densities (5-30 lb per cu ft); 3) better compression set characteristics; and 4) less expensive foam since expensive blowing agents are not used, and the process is continuous rather than batch type. It is estimated that as much as 90% of all flexible open cell type vinyl foam is

made by the Elastomer Process.

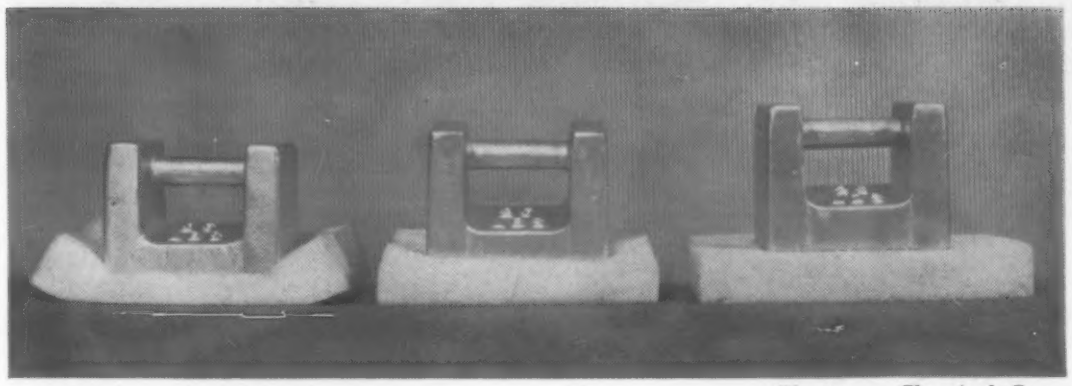
At present, Vinylfoam falls close to latex in permanent set characteristics, provided a 2-hr recovery period is allowed at test temperatures. Maximum recommended continuous service temperatures under loads range from 130-160 F. A considerable amount of work is now being carried out to improve the heat resistance and low temperature flexibility of Vinylfoam. The material is not recommended for flotation because of its open cell structure.

Perhaps the biggest potential for Vinylfoam lies in applications where its ability to be heat sealed as well as its ability to be foamed in composite structures are of paramount importance. It is currently being used in applications such as automobile upholstery; clothing and furniture padding; industrial gaskets, rollers, filters and shock mountings; toys; in laminated structures; and in railroad and other transportation and institutional seating applications.

Polyethylene

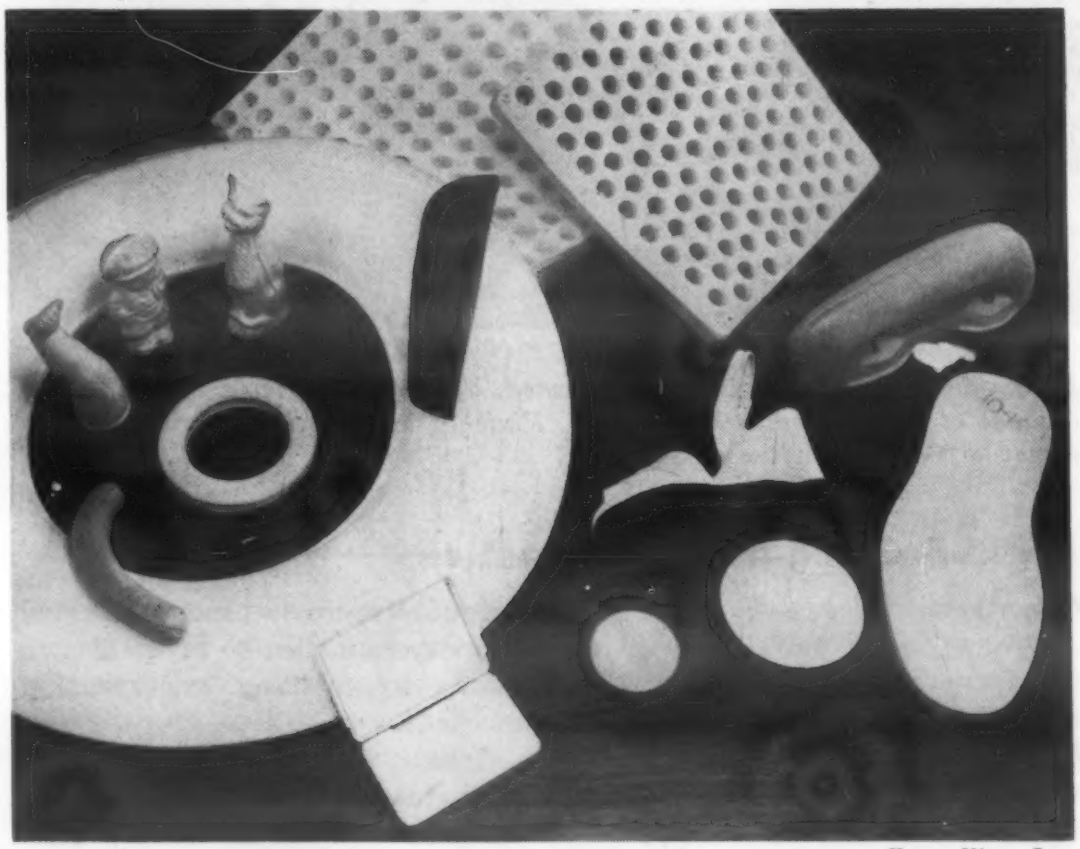
Cellular polyethylene (Bakelite Co.) has most of the basic properties of conventional polyethylene, such as chemical resistance, toughness, flexibility, and low moisture absorption. It has even higher electrical insulating qualities and is lighter in weight. Its primary use would seem to be as wire insulation. It is produced by dispersing a chemical blowing agent in the resin and subsequently heating to liberate gas which forms the closed cells. The material has been found to be of particular importance for electronic applications. Table 3 compares properties of cellular polyethylene with those of conventional low density polyethylene.

Cellular polyethylene is said to be particularly useful where lower electrical attenuation and line losses at high frequencies are needed, and where insulation weight is a problem. It has been successfully extruded into rods and sheets. It has also shown promise in gasketing and cap and closure lining applications.



Elastomer Chemical Corp.

Flexible vinyl foams *produced by the Elastomer Process can have differing compression-deflection characteristics. All three foams have densities of 4.5 lb/cu ft, but they range from soft to firm (left to right).*



Foam King, Inc.

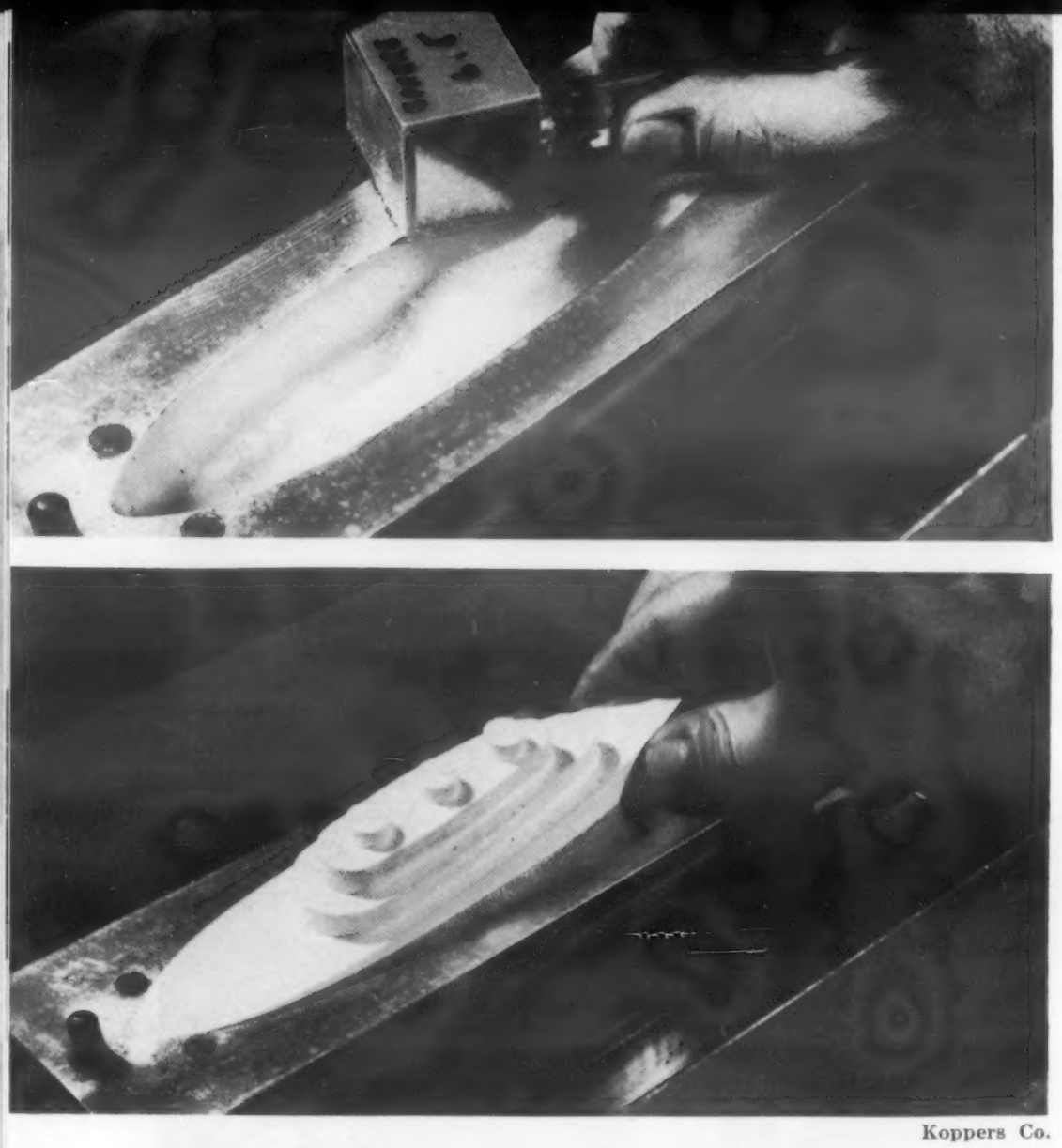
Chemically blown vinyl foams *can be produced in a variety of shapes, with both open or closed cell structure.*

TABLE 3—PROPERTIES OF CELLULAR POLYETHYLENE[a]

(WIRE INSULATION)

	Solid polyethylene	Cellular polyethylene
Wire size No. 14AWG Insul. o.d. in.	0.250	0.250
Tensile strength, psi	2180	670
Elongation, %	580	310
Spec gravity	0.92	0.47
Diel. str, ASTM short time test (0.125 in.), v/mil	630	220
ASTM long time test (0.125 in.), v/mil	590	190
Power factor, 1000 cycles	0.00028	0.00033
10,000 cycles	0.00030	0.00038
Diel. constant 1000 cycles	2.3	1.48
10,000 cycles	2.3	1.49

[a] Bakelite Co., A Div. of Union Carbide and Carbon Corp.



Koppers Co.

Foamed polystyrene boat *is formed by charging mold with amount of Dylite beads shown above. Finished boat is shown being removed from mold after expansion.*

Rigid Foamed-in-Place Plastics

Polystyrene

Two types of polystyrene plastics foams are commercially available. Dylite (Koppers Co.) can be foamed in place to fill any shape cavity, while Styrofoam (Dow Chemical Co.) is supplied as planks or boards of foam which can be cut and fabricated. Styrofoam will be discussed in the section devoted to rigid prefoamed materials.

Dylite is supplied in the form of colorless or colored beads. By heating in a suitable mold the beads expand, crush together and fuse into a strong, light weight foam with discrete closed cells. Beads can be expanded up to thirty times their original volume. Density of resulting foams is controlled by the amount of beads charged into the mold and can be varied from 1.5 to 15 lb per cu ft. A major advantage of the material lies in the simplicity of the foaming process, permitting small manufacturers to produce foamed shapes economically in their own plants by molding or extrusion methods.

These foams can be used at temperatures up to about 170 F. They have high resistance to passage of heat (thermal conductivity of 2.5 lb per cu ft density foams at 75 F is 0.243 Btu/hr/sq ft/F/in.), low water absorption, low water vapor permeability, and they are odorless and resistant to fungi. All molded foam pieces come from the mold with a dense, hard, smooth skin which enhances strength properties. Typical properties of Dylite are shown in Fig 2 and Tables 4-A, 4-B, and 5.

Forming and fabrication—The basic requirements for foaming Dylite are a source of heat and a suitable mold. Temperatures needed for expansion are 230-270 F. Steam pressures range from 10-30 psi. Three methods have been developed for expansion: 1) direct introduction of dry steam into the mold cavity; 2) steam-heated molds; and 3) molds heated by hot air. The method selected depends largely on the thickness of the part to be molded. Direct introduction of steam is recommended where section thickness is greater than one inch. Choice between steam- or air-heated molds is dependent on individual plant facilities.

Design and fabrication of molds depends on such factors as density, which determines the pressures developed during expansion; size and shape; and quantity of production. The most suitable materials for mold construction are aluminum and copper alloys. Brass has been found to give maximum ease of mold parting, provided suitable draft has been provided. Wall thickness of molds should be at least ¼ in. since internal pressures due to expansion may rise as high as 50 psi.

Expansion cycles when using direct steam expansion may be as short as 10 sec for small pieces or up to 3 min for 12-in.-thick sections. Molds heated externally by steam or hot air require 10 min cycles for sections about ½ in. thick. For one-inch-thick sections 20-min cycles are necessary. Cooling time after expansion varies from 30 sec for small parts to 10-15 min for 12-in.-thick pieces. Shock cooling must be avoided because of the danger of excessive shrinkage and warpage.

Extrusion has also proved to be a satisfactory method of expanding Dylite polystyrene beads. It is particularly successful for shapes such as sheet, rod, and tube. Extruders range in size up to 4½ in. in dia. Barrel temperatures are 250-275 F and die temperatures range between 250 and 320 F. Feed zone temperatures should be between 160-190 F. Forming dies for shaping the expanding foam can be placed so that the material feeds into them as it leaves the die lips.

To form difficult pieces (thick sections or irregular shapes) with densities of less than 2 lb per cu

ft, partially expanded beads can be charged into the mold. Pre-expansion is accomplished by exposing the beads to dry heat prior to charging them into the mold.

Polystyrene foam can be bonded successfully to itself and a variety of other materials with a number of commercially available adhesives. Adhesives containing appreciable amounts of solvents for polystyrene should be avoided.

The foam can be fabricated after curing by sawing, planing and other shaping operations commonly used for wood fabrication. It can also be shaped by means of an electrical resistance wire. Higher density materials cut slower than lower density materials.

Decorative and protective coatings can be applied readily. Both glossy and egg shell finishes can be obtained. Water-base paints or alcohol solutions of dyes, as well as latex emulsion paints may be used. Coatings must not contain substantial amounts of solvents for polystyrene. Protective coatings improve weathering, flame resistance and abrasion resistance.

Urethanes

As mentioned before, urethane foams can be produced in rigid, semi-rigid or flexible form. Flexible and semi-rigid urethane foams are discussed in the section on flexible foams. Formulation and fabrication data for the various types of urethanes are also included there.

Rigid urethane foams can be produced with densities ranging from less than one to 35 lb per cu ft. They are primarily of closed cell structure, though open cell formulations have been developed. Cell size can be varied. The rigid foams, formed by reacting polyisocyanates with resinous polymers such as alkyds can be foamed-in-place to fill any shaped cavity at atmospheric pressure without additional heat.

Physical strength, of course, is greatly influenced by density. In general, rigid polyurethanes have excellent strength-to-weight ratios, and exceptional adhesion to

TABLE 4a—TYPICAL MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF FOAMED-IN-PLACE POLYSTYRENE[a]

Density, lb/cu ft	2	3	4	6	8	10
Tensile str, psi	30-50	55-75	65-85	90-110	110-120	120-130
Compressive str (5% off-set), psi	15-20	25-35	40-50	60-70	70-80	90-100
Flexural str, psi	Flexible	60-90	90-120	130-160	200-230	280-310
Impact str, in.-lb/in. unnotched (1 in. wide specimen)	2.0-2.5	2.3-2.8	2.5-3.0	3.0-3.5	4.3-4.8	5.0-5.5

[a] Dylite, Koppers Co.
Test specimen size varied as necessary.
All tests conducted at 73 F.

TABLE 4b—BUOYANCY CHARACTERISTICS OF FOAMED-IN-PLACE POLYSTYRENE[a]
(Expressed in Lb for 1 Cu Ft)

Density, lb/cu ft.	Initial Fresh Water D = 62.4 lb/cu ft.	Reserve[b] Buoyancy (Fresh Water)
2	60.4	60.3
3	59.4	59.3
4	58.4	58.3
5	57.4	57.3
6	56.4	56.3
7	55.4	55.3
8	54.4	54.3
9	53.4	53.5
10	52.4	52.3

[a] Dylite, Koppers Co.
[b] After maximum water absorption of 0.0156 lb per sq ft surface area.

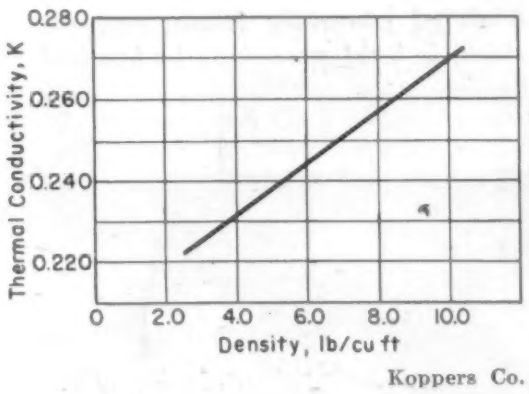
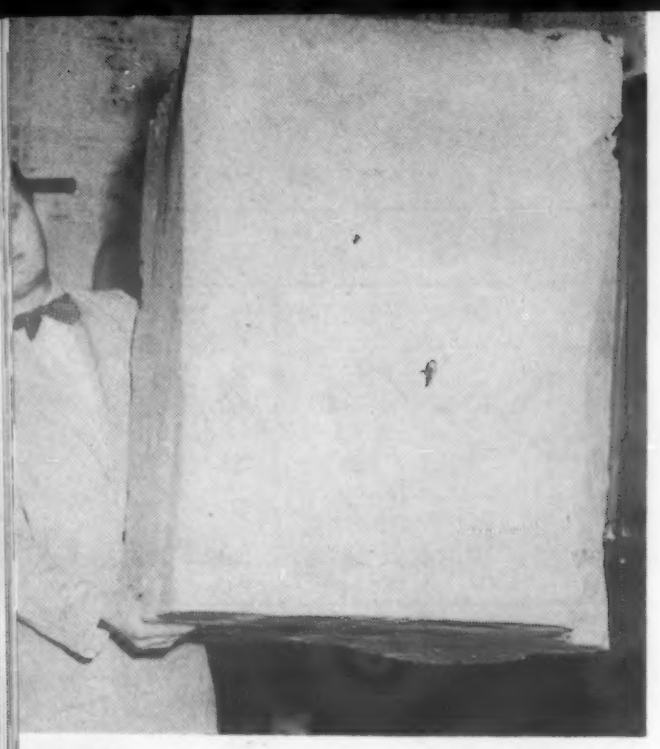


***Fig 2 Thermal conductivity** of Dylite foamed-in-place polystyrene increases with density.*

TABLE 5—ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF FOAMED-IN-PLACE POLYSTYRENE[a]

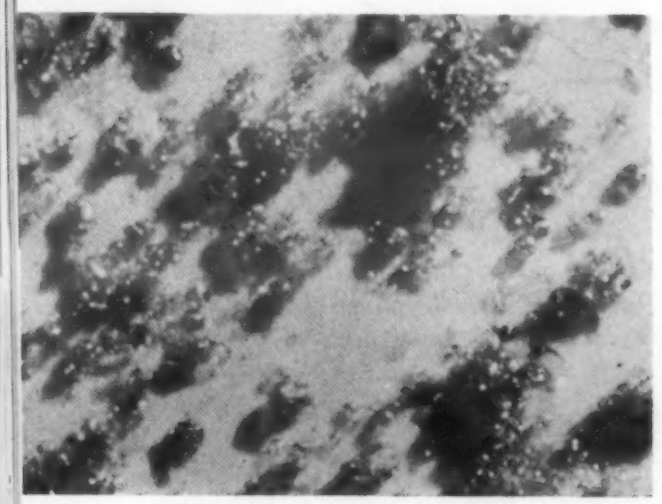
Dissipation factor	<0.0005
Loss factor	<0.0006
Volume resistivity 10^7, megohm-in.	>1.5
Surface resistivity 10^6, megohms	>9.8
Dielectric strength, v/mil	
Short time	48
Step by step	49
Dielectric constant	
at 73 F, 50% R.H.	
60 cps	1.19
1000 cps	1.07
1,000,000 cps	1.02
after 48 hr at 122 F	
60 cps	1.24
1000 cps	1.06
1,000,000 cps	1.05
after 96 hr at 95 F, 96% R.H.	
60 cps	1.24
1000 cps	1.05
1,000,000 cps	1.05

Note: No arc resistance. Melts at first spark.
[a] Dylite, Koppers Co.



General Electric Co.

Slab of phenolic foam, *two feet thick, is light enough to be handled easily.*



Bakelite Co.

Syntactic foams *can be made by filling conventional casting resins with these tiny phenolic microballoons. Microballons vary in diameter from 0.002 to 0.0036 in.*

wood, primed metal, fabrics and other materials. They have good moisture resistance, unusually high electrical insulating qualities, oil and fungus resistance, and remarkable thermal stability if desired. They can be drilled, sawed, milled and sanded. The foams are not friable and can be colored to suit any specific set of requirements. Typical properties are shown in Fig. 3.

Rigid polyurethanes are being used in aircraft as structural reinforcement against shock and vibration, as well as for thermal and electrical insulation. They are being used in increasing quantities in sandwich materials. They are also finding use as flotation gear in boats, life rafts, navigation buoys and emergency marine equipment. Limited uses have been developed for packaging fragile electronic equipment. As structural reinforcement, the foam is being used in fabrication of engine cowlings, as cores for ailerons, rudders, elevators and wing tabs.

Phenolics

Phenolic foams are composed of 40% open and 60% closed cells. Density varies between less than one to more than 25 lb per cu ft. Cured expanded structures are inherently brittle with high density surfaces which serve as protective skins. Most of the properties of expanded phenolic resin structures are quite similar to those of the parent resin. Typical mechanical properties are shown in Table 6. Low water absorption characteristics can be obtained by applying suitable protective coatings.

Phenolic foams have excellent thermal and acoustical values (See Tables 7 and 8.). Optimum thermal insulation properties are obtained with densities of about 1 lb per cu ft. Phenolic foams have practically the same degree of heat and chemical resistance as unexpanded phenolic resins. They can be used for continuous service at temperatures up to about 300 F. They are self-extinguishing, and have excellent chemical resistance, with the exception of certain alkalies, alcohols and ketones.

Principal applications for phenolic foams include buoyancy products, thermal insulation, packaging and core materials. Their use as acoustical insulation has not been developed as yet in spite of the fact that they are among the best sound absorption media available, while at the same time economical. Phenolic foam as a buoyancy material has had several large scale uses. The Navy in particular has expressed considerable interest in field applications.

Packaging applications are a promising development, although this field has not yet realized the market originally anticipated. The use of ⅓ to ½ lb per cu ft foam presents an important advantage from the standpoint of dunnage. Advantages over conventional packaging materials include low weight per unit of volume, less packing time, less product breakage, and less worker fatigue. Good thermal insulating characteristics are an added advantage in some applications.

Thermal insulating qualities of the material are currently being applied by using phenolic foams as honeycomb components in sandwich construction. Phenolic foams have also been found to offer sufficient strength, combined with

TABLE 6—PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF PHENOLIC FOAM[a]

Density, lb/cu ft	2-5[b]	7-10
Comp str, psi	9-31	45-130
Tens str, psi	4-35	35-75
Flex str, psi	24-40	75-230
Shear str, psi	8-30	40-135
Moisture absorption, % by weight		
at 100% R.H.	13-51	10-51
at 50% R.H.	1-4	1-5
at 20% R.H.	½-1	1-2

Heat resistance (intermittent), F	—Up to 550 (5-lb density)
Flammability	—Will not support combustion
Adhesion	—Good to wood, paper and metal properly undercoated
Shrinkage from mold	—Approx. 1/32 in./ft
Cell structure	—Mostly disconnected
Corrosiveness	—Slight hydrochloric acid reaction

[a] Based on data supplied by General Electric Co., Rezolin, Inc.
[b] Density range most common for "foamed-in-place" applications.

light weight for use as core materials in plastics dies and fixtures.

Forming and fabrication— Phenolic expanded plastics are generally produced from liquid phenolic resins by a chemical blowing process in which liquid resins are expanded up to 300 times their original volume. The formulation usually consists of the resin, curing agents or accelerators and blowing agents. The accelerators, usually acid in character, generate exothermic reactions the heat from which activates the blowing agents, liberating gas. Additional ingredients are often added to control density, cell size, etc. Air can be beaten into the resin prior to addition of the curing agent in order to provide seeding nuclei for the expansion process, and to improve the resiliency of the foamed structures. The entire foaming process can be completed in as little as 2-3 minutes without application of either external heat or pressures.

TABLE 7—SOUND ABSORPTION OF PHENOLIC FOAM[a]

Frequency range, cps	Transmission loss, decibels	Frequency range, cps	Transmission loss, decibels
100	12.5	2500	28.5
200	17.5	3000	17.0
500	11.0	3500	13.5
1000	19.5	4000	9.5
1500	18.5	5000	2.5
2000	13.0	—	—

Average transmission loss over entire range = 14.8 decibels.
[a] Nelson, J. D., *Phenolic Foams*, SPE Journal.

TABLE 8—COMPARATIVE THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF PHENOLIC FOAM[a]

Material	Density, lb/cu ft	Mean temp, F	Conductivity, Btu/in./F/sq ft/hr
Phenolic foam	1.7	73.7	0.24
Phenolic foam	7.9	72.7	0.28
Corrugated paper	1.9	75.0	0.26
Glass wool	2.3	75.0	0.26
Cork board	7.0	75.0	0.28
Rock wool	6.0	75.0	0.26
Rock wool	2.0	75.0	0.27
Fibre board	12.0	75.0	0.31
Fibre board	18.0	75.0	0.34
Hair felt	9.0	75.0	0.26

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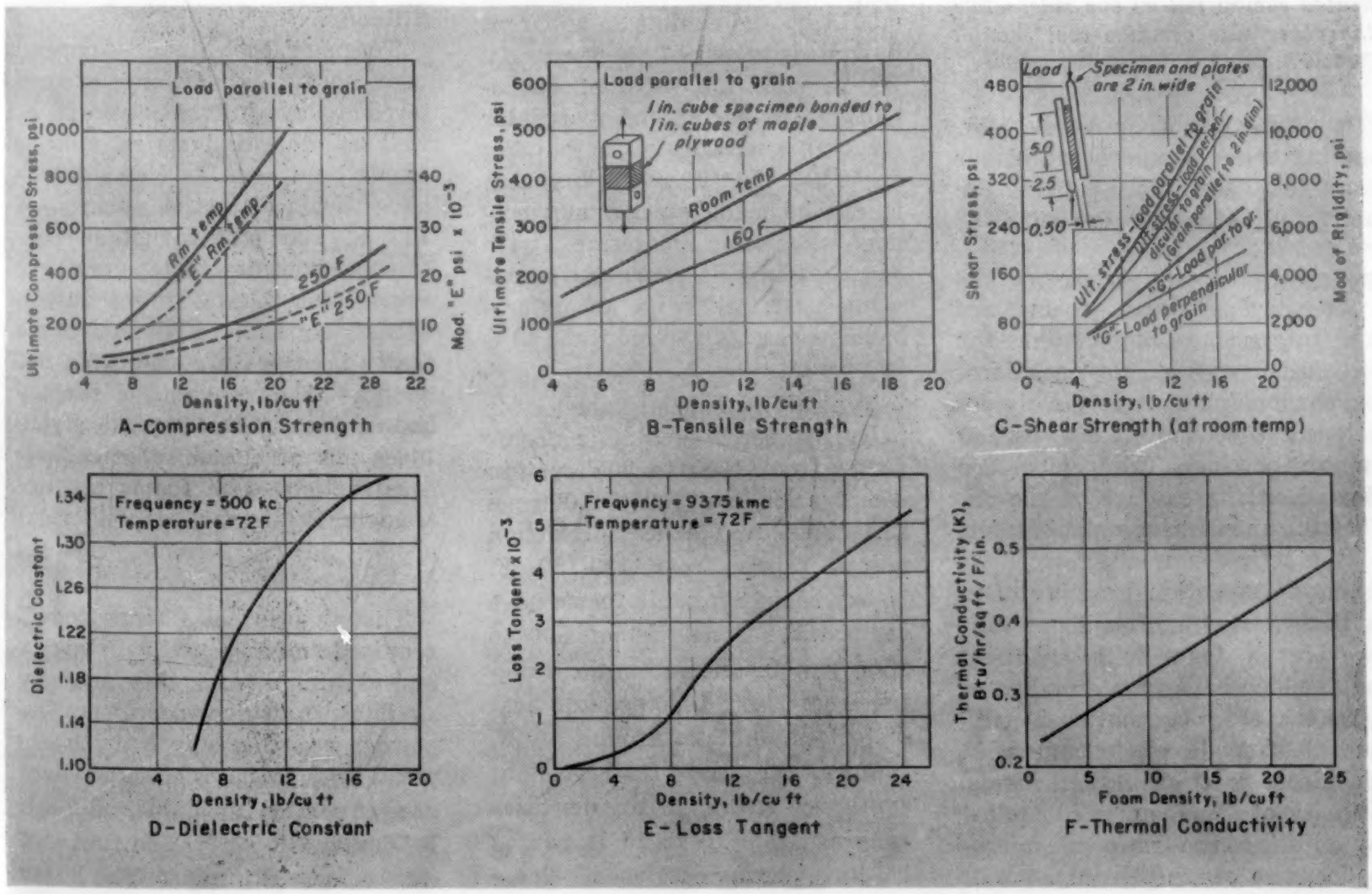


Nopco Chemical Co.

Fig 3 Rigid urethane foams *can be foamed in place. Properties shown cover two Lockfoam series.*

Dow Corning Corp.

***Foamed silicone resins** can be heated cherry red on one side, while the other side remains cool enough to touch.*

After addition of the accelerator, mixing cycles should be no longer than 10-30 sec before pouring the activated batch into the mold.

Syntactic

So-called syntactic foams are an interesting application for tiny, nitrogen filled plastics microballoons which were originally developed to reduce oil evaporation in storage tanks. The balloons are floated on the surface of the oil, forming an effective vapor barrier.

Syntactic foams are formed by filling a conventional casting resin with these tiny microballoons. This provides a foam with spherical cells, which have greater inherent strength than conventional polyhedral shaped cells common in chemical reaction type foams. Density of the foam is controlled by altering the ratio of microballoons to casting resin.

Two types are currently available. The first consists of microscopic phenolic spheres (Bakelite), the second uses microscopic urea spheres (Colton Chemical). These spheres can be used to fill polyester, epoxy and other selected casting resins.

Principal applications for the material are in sandwich construction, fillers for castings, and low density aggregates. Techniques have been developed which permit in one operation the manufacture of sandwich materials consisting of glass-reinforced laminate faces with syntactic foam cores. Other potential uses include airplane wing structures, plastics boats, gun stocks, air conditioning units and refrigerator cores. Work has been carried out which suggests that the combination of strength and controlled light-weight would be of immediate benefit in wall boards, floor covering and ceiling tiles.

Phenolic microballoons—Forming requirements consist of equipment and molds used for molding conventional casting resins. Bakelite's phenolic microballoons have an average particle diameter of 0.0013 in. and exhibit an apparent bulk density of 8.7 lb per cu ft. By varying the ratio of microballoons to resin binder, cellular structures with densities ranging from less than 20 to 40 lb per cu ft can be made quickly and economically. For materials with densities in this range the maximum practical ratio of microballoons has been found to be 40% by weight.

Typical strength values for polyester bound syntactic foams range from 1000 to 3000 psi in compression and 300 to 1000 psi in tension. ASTM heat distortion points range from 130-180 F. Epoxy based syntactic foams have compressive strengths of 800 to 1500 psi, tensile strengths ranging from 600 to 1000 psi, and heat distortion points of around 140 F.

More recently, featherweight syntactic foams with densities ranging from 10 to 15 lb per cu ft have been developed. These make use of a dry powdered phenolic resin as a bonding agent for the microballoons, and density of the resultant cellular structure depends on how tightly the mold is packed. Typical mixes of this type consist of 40 parts by weight of phenolic resin and 60 parts by weight of microballoons. These compositions flow like fine sand and are poured into a suitable mold where they are cured for 2 hr at 250 F. These so-called featherweight foams have compressive strengths varying from 225-300 psi.

Urea microballoons—Colton Chemical's urea-formaldehyde microballoons are white in color, and have an average particle size of 16 microns, with a bulk density of 3.7 lb per cu ft. Amounts of the microballoons which can be added to polyester, epoxy, or phenolic bonding resins range up to 45% by weight of the finished material. Resultant foams have flexural strengths ranging from 1000 to 3000 psi and compressive strengths ranging up to 11,000 psi, depending on the ratio of microballoons to binder.

Silicones

To meet the higher temperature service conditions encountered today in the aircraft as well as other industries, silicone foams have been developed which have heat distortion points of 700 F, and will withstand continuous exposure to temperatures above 700 F (Dow Corning Corp.). When exposed to direct flame foams become red hot, but do not burn and show only slight surface change. Properly foamed structures are of closed spherical cell construction. The foams are extremely resistant to thermal shock; however, some problems are encountered in friability.

Though original silicone foams required mixing with catalysts and blowing agents, they are now available in dry powder form. The powder requires only heat to expand into foam. Three powders are currently available, R-7001, R-7002 and R-7003. The first two can be foamed in place. The latter can be foamed only in block or sheet form. It is stronger and

TABLE 9—PROPERTIES OF SILICONE FOAMS[a]
(OPEN PAN FORMED)

	R-7001	R-7002	R-7003
Expansion temp, F	320	320	320
Density, lb/cu ft	12	14	16
All size, dia	<0.08	<0.08	<0.08
Compressive strength, psi	100	200	325
at 77 F after 200 hr at 500 F	100	190	210
at 500 F, after ½ hr at 500 F	5	25	70
at 500 F, after 200 hr at 500 F	20	45	80
Weight loss, % during expansion	1.2	1.3	1.0
after 1000 hr at 500 F	3.5	2.6	2.6
after 1000 hr at 570 F	8.0	4.2	4.2
after 72 hr at 700 F	8.5	5.2	5.2
Water absorption (24 hr immersion), %	3.2	2.3	2.1
Heat distortion, F	>700	>700	>700
Flame resistance		do not burn	
Dielectric constant, 10^5 cycles	1.23	1.25	1.26
Power factor, 10^5 cycles	0.0004	0.00102	0.00105
Thermal conductivity, Btu/hr/sq ft/F/in.	0.3	0.3	0.3

[a] Dow Corning Corp.

retains more high temperature compressive strength than the other two. Table 9 lists typical properties of the foams.

Applications for the foams include thermal and electrical insulation in missiles and high speed aircraft, as well as in specialized electronic equipment. Their low density and low water absorption suggest uses as buoyant components for ships and boats.

Forming and fabrication—Silicone foams can be cut or carved or machined to close tolerances by conventional wood-working tools. When foamed in place they adhere to most metals and glass cloth laminates. For maximum adherence to cavity walls, the walls should be primed with a silicone resin.

To produce the foams, the dry powder is charged in a suitable mold and heat is applied. Heat may be supplied by air circulating ovens, strip heaters, heat lamps or similar equipment. To insure against shrinkage, the structure should be exposed to the expansion temperature for an additional 4 hr. The foam may then be removed or the temperature raised for post-curing. Though post-curing is not essential in all applications, where maximum mechanical properties are required at elevated temperatures, a cure of about 48 hr at 480 F is recommended.

Rigid Prefoamed Plastics

Polystyrene

Rigid, prefoamed polystyrene, available in board or rough plank form, is of closed cell construction and can be purchased in densities ranging from 1.3-2 lb per cu ft. Called Styrofoam (Dow Chemical Co.) the material is extremely light in weight with relatively good strength properties, which vary with density as shown in Table 10. The foam appears white because of the refraction and reflection of light by its multitude of cell walls. (Foamed-in-place polystyrene, Dylite, is described in another section.)

The insulating properties of Styrofoam are excellent. The K factor compares favorably with those of other commercially available board insulating materials. Exact value of thermal conductivity depends on cell size and increases with larger cell size. This is probably due to a reduction in the amount of heat transferred by convection and radiation. Maximum service temperature for continuous operation is 175 F.

Because of its closed cell structure, the material's water resistance is excellent. Its water vapor transmission is exceptionally low and the foam will not rot or support mold growth. The non-toxic material has chemical resistance similar to that of conventional polystyrene, and it will not deteriorate after prolonged contact with water. Styrofoam does not have particularly good acoustical insulation properties. Surface cells, though broken, are non-interconnecting and reflect rather than absorb sound waves. In general, the material is comparable to wood in sound absorption. Dielectric characteristics of the material are excellent. Dielectric constant is less than 1.0 with a power factor of less than 0.0002 over a frequency range of 10^2 to 10^8 cps.

Principal disadvantage of foam polystyrene is its flammability; however, a formulation has been developed which is self-extinguishing. On contact with flame it melts without bursting in flames.

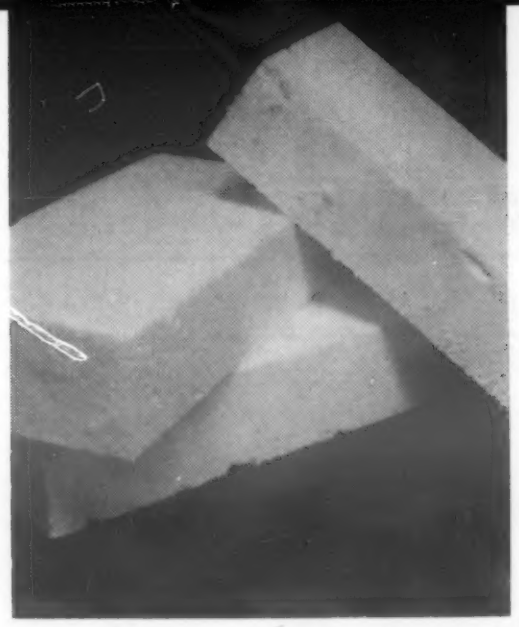
Styrofoam has been found to be well suited for use in insulating storage and freezer spaces of all types, including stationary rooms as well as moving equipment such as railroad cars, truck and trailer bodies, and ships. Still another promising field is the insulation of pipes, ductwork, tanks and other industrial processing equipment.

Buoyancy characteristics of the material have made it acceptable for such applications as the replacement of air-tight chambers in many types of marine craft, buoys and flotation gear, swimming rafts and floating docks.

Styrofoam is now considered a basic material in the floral, display and novelty fields. Major use in the floral trade is as a foundation for floral pieces.

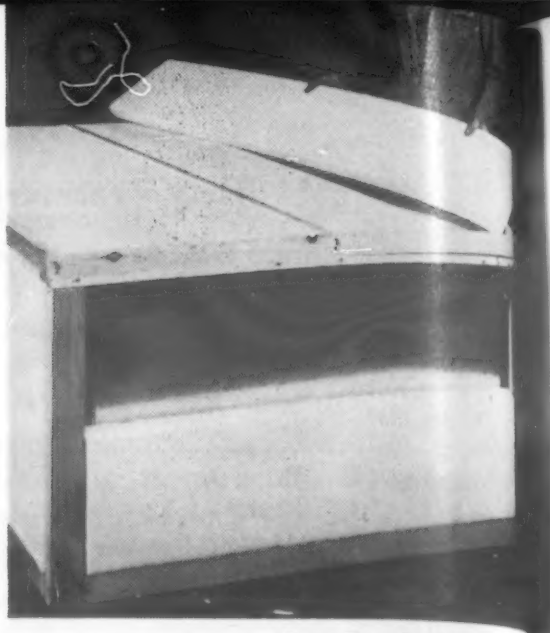
Furane Plastics, Inc.

Epoxy foams *combine excellent electrical, chemical characteristics of epoxy resins with light weight.*



Colton Chemical Co.

Cellular urea formaldehyde *can be used as insulation either in block or shredded form.*



Dow Chemical Corp.

Foamed polystyrene *(Styrofoam) is used as thermal insulation in Babson Bros.' milk cooler.*

Forming and fabrication—Cut boards or rough planks are available in many different dimensions. The material can be fabricated with conventional woodworking techniques, though simpler tooling and less power are required for Styrofoam than for wood. Styrofoam can also be cut with a heated electric resistance wire, or thin sections can be successfully die cut. A limited amount of post-forming can be carried out.

Styrofoam can be bonded to itself or to other materials with the same types of adhesives used for foamed-in-place polystyrene, i.e., cold setting adhesives containing no solvents which attack polystyrene. Hot melt adhesives may be used if the temperature limitations of the foamed material are kept in mind. Where coatings are necessary or desirable, glossy and eggshell type finishes can be used. The material can be colored by water-base or latex emulsion paints as well as by alcohol solutions of dyes.

Cellulose acetate

Rigid cellulose acetate foam is formed by flash evaporation of a superheated solvent in a continuous extrusion process. It is being produced in densities ranging from 5 to 8 lb per cu ft and is available in standard foamed shapes without limitation on length. Maximum cross-section is governed by capacity of the extruder, which at present is 6 sq in. It is being produced under a Du Pont license by Strux Corp. as CCA.

CCA is noted for its thermal resistance and stability. It can be subjected to temperatures as high as 350 F for extended periods of time and 380 F intermittently without decomposition. Temperatures of —70 F decrease room temperature strength values by about 20%. Water absorption of the material, expressed in terms of reserve buoyancy after complete immersion in water, amounts to an initial buoyancy of 55 lb per cu ft which is reduced to 52 lb per cu ft after four days exposure in water. Complete recovery is realized after drying. Cured CCA has no odor and can be considered nontoxic. It has a high degree of shock and abrasion resistance. Table 11 lists typical properties.

The most important application of the material has been as a core in sandwich construction. It is particularly well suited for use in sandwich materials using glass-reinforced polyester or epoxy laminate skins. Either primary or secondary bonding operations can be used.

CCA has been used successfully as reinforcement for aircraft control surfaces, filler blocks for fuel cells, and as a buoyant material for marine applications. It is also gaining acceptance in the packaging field due to its high shock and abrasion resistance.

Forming and fabrication—Cellular cellulose acetate can be machined to close tolerances with conventional woodworking tools. Parts too large to be extruded can be produced by build-up techniques, using simple gluing procedures. Adhesives which work well with the material include polyesters, epoxies, ureas, phenol and resorcinol formaldehydes, vinyls and rubber-base cement.

GENERAL PRICE RANGES OF CELLULAR PLASTICS[a]

Foam	Density Range, lb/cu ft	Cost, $ / cu ft	Cost, $ / cu ft
Urethane	1-30	1.50-90.00	1.50-3.00
Vinyl	3.5-30	4.50-5.75	—
Polyethylene	—	—	0.54-0.75
Polystyrene			
Foamed-in Place	1-15	0.50-9.00	0.50-0.60
Prefoamed	1.7-2.3	0.94-1.24	0.55-0.57
Phenolic	0.3-25	0.15-15.00	0.25-0.60
Syntactic	20-40	7.50-25.00	—
Silicone	12-16	55.20-80.00	4.60-5.00
Cellulose acetate	6-8	7.80-10.40	1.30-1.50
Urea formaldehyde	8-10	4.80-6.00	0.60

[a] Prices are approximate, varying with quantity and are intended only to present indicative ranges. Also prices of some of the newer materials should be reduced in near future.

Epoxies

The use of epoxies for production of foamed structures is a relatively recent development which has found only limited commercial acceptance. Epoxy foams have excellent chemical resistance, dielectric characteristics, toughness, adhesive qualities and a degree of heat resistance superior to most of the thermoplastic foams. They are available, with closed cell structure, as foamed blocks, foamed sheet, and from one manufacturer as a foamed-in-place formulation.

In general, epoxy foams are produced by the action of a suitable foaming agent which is introduced in a standard casting mix. When heated, the foaming agent decomposes releasing a gas which causes expansion. Expansion temperatures range from 220-260 F.

A white foam, designated DR 139-2 (De Bell & Richardson, Inc.) is available as 15 in. cubes. It has a density of 2 lb per cu ft, though higher densities can be produced. At present, only limited data are available. The material exhibits no shrinkage after 18 hr exposure to temperatures of 300 F; it has a compressive strength of 7 psi (25% compression); buoyancy after 18 hr in water of 69%; and remains unaffected after one month's immersion in styrene monomer. Compression under load at various temperatures on a 1½ x 1½ in. bearing surface is as follows:

Temp, F	Load, gm	Comp, %
150	100	1.5
212	60	6.0
250	60	19
300	60	75

Available only in sheet form, Eccofoam S (Emerson and Cuming) is being produced in bulk densities ranging from 3 to 25 lb per cu ft. As with other foams, physical properties are a function of bulk density. Compressive strength of the 3 lb per cu ft foam is 65 psi, and that of the 10 lb material is 340 psi. Eccofoam S can be fabricated with conventional wood working tools.

A foamed-in-place epoxy designated Epocast H865 (Furane Plastics, Inc.) has been developed which can be foamed to fill any cavity without application of external heat. A real advantage of the material is its long induction period. This permits fabricators more processing time between mixing and formation of the foam, and is particularly useful for production of large parts.

Immediate applications for epoxy foams would seem to lie in the electronics field for encapsulation of components and as a core material for plastics forming tools.

TABLE 10—PROPERTIES OF PREFOAMED POLYSTYRENE[a]

Density, lb/cu ft	1.3	1.6	2.0
Comp yld str, psi	10-20	15-25	25-35
Tens str, psi	30-45	50-70	80-100
Shear str, psi	15-25	25-35	35-45
Comp mod, psi	450-1100	750-1350	1150-1750
Bending mod, psi	200-750	650-1200	1200-1900
Impact str, psi	0.5-1.2	1.1-1.8	2.1-2.7
Thermal cond, BTU/hr/sq ft/F/in.		0.23-030 at 40 F	
Linear coeff of thermal exp (−320 to 50 F) in./in./F		$2\text{-}5\times10^{-4}$	
Specific heat, (at 40 F)Btu/lb/F		0.27	
Resistance to heat (continuous use temp), F		175	
Water absorption, % by vol.		<6	
Water vapor transmission, gm/sq ft/hr/in./in. Hg vapor pressure difference		1.5-3.0	

[a] Styrofoam #22, Dow Corning Corp.

TABLE 11—PROPERTIES OF CELLULAR CELLULOSE ACETATE[a]

Density, lb/cu ft	6-7	7-8
Tens str, psi	158	183
Shear str, psi	140	185
Comp str, psi	197	235
Comp mod, psi	5,500	13,500
Flex str, psi	147	177
Izod impact str, unnotched, ft-lb	0.01	1.15
Thermal conductivity, Btu/sq ft/hr/F/in.	0.31	0.32
Coeff of thermal expansion, F	2×10^{-5}	2×10^{-5}
Flame travel, in./min	4.9	4.2
Dielectric const	1.12	1.12
Loss tangent	0.002	0.002
Moisture absorption		
50% R.H., lb/cu ft	0.15	—
100% R.H. lb/cu ft	1.05	—
Chemical resistance—Resists weak acids, oils, fats, greases and gasoline but is soluble in alkalies, acetone, and lower ester type solvents; swollen by lower alcohols.		

[a] CCA, Strux Corp.

Urea-formaldehyde

An expanded urea-formaldehyde plastic, with an interwoven crystalline structure containing about 99% air by volume, is being produced by frothing a combination of water-soluble resins. The resulting white, fluffy mass is solidified and forms Colfoam (Colton Chemical Co.), which is one of the lightest organic foams commercially available. Its density is about 0.8 lb per cu ft. It is available in the form of blocks (about 20 x 10 x 4 in.) or as shredded insulation. Primary use for both the shredded and block material is as low temperature thermal and acoustical insulation.

Shredded Colfoam has a thermal conductivity (K factor) of 0.18

Btu/hr/sq ft/F/in. at 75 F. At 100 F the K value is 0.20. The material is satisfactory for continuous use at temperatures up to 120 F. Exposure to direct flame causes volatilization, but the material will not support combustion and is self-extinguishing. Colfoam is not affected by long exposure to extreme low temperatures. The material is noncorrosive and will not react unfavorably with metals.

When exposed to relative humidity of 95-97% for extended periods of time at 75 F the material absorbs not more than 20% of its own weight. Uncoated blocks of Colfoam float with 40% or more of their bulks above the surface, even after total immersion in water for two days. For soundproofing applications where light weight characteristics are desirable, Colfoam's Q factor of 123 (compared with 60-80 for Kapok) presents definite advantages.

The material is now being used for low temperature insulation in household and commercial refrigeration units, frozen food shipping containers, trailer truck installations and building refrigeration units. Applications in the display and novelty field seem promising. Possibilities of plastics-coated Colfoam for flotation gear are also being considered.

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FLEXIBLE

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American Latex Products Corp., Hawthorne, Calif.

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Wilmington, Del.[a]

General Tire and Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio[b]

Hudson Foam Plastics Corp., Yonkers, N.Y.[b]

Isocyanate Products, Inc., Wilmington, Del.[c]

Mobay Chemical Co., St. Louis, Mo.[d]

Nopco Chemical Co., Harrison, N.J.

Pelron Corp., Lyons, Ill.[e]

Vinyl

Crest Industries, Brooklyn, N.Y.[f]

Elastomer Chemical Corp., Newark, N.J.[a]

Foam King, Inc., Bronx, N.Y.[f]

Interchemical Corp., New York, N.Y.[g]

Polyethylene

Bakelite Co., Div. of Union Carbide and Carbon Corp., New York, N.Y.

RIGID, FOAM-IN-PLACE

Polystyrene (Foamed-In-Place)

Koppers Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Phenolics

Bakelite Co., Div. of Union Carbide and Carbon Corp., New York, N.Y.

General Electric Co., Chemical and Metallurgical Div., Pittsfield, Mass.

Marblette Corp., Long Island City, N.Y.

Rezolin, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.

Westinghouse Electric Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Syntactic Microballoons

Bakelite Co., Div. of Union Carbide and Carbon Corp., New York, N.Y.

Colton Chemical Co., Div. of Air Reduction Co., Inc., Cleveland, Ohio

Silicones

Dow Corning Corp., Midland, Mich.

RIGID, PREFOAMED

Polystyrene (Prefoamed)

Dow Chemical Corp., Midland Mich.

Cellulose Acetate

Strux Corp., Lindenhurst, N.Y.

Epoxies

Aries Laboratories, New York, N.Y.

De Bell & Richardson, Inc., Hazardville, Conn.

Emerson and Cuming, Canton, Mass.

Furane Plastics, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.[h]

Urea Formaldehyde

Colton Chemical Co., Div. of Air Reduction Co., Inc., Cleveland, Ohio

[a] Licenser only.
[b] Supplies only molded products.
[c] Supplies foam bases only.
[d] Licenser, supplies no molded products.
[e] Only current supplier of polyether prepolymer foam bases.
[f] Suppliers of "blowing agent" type molded products.
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2. **Alloy Steels** (manganese, nickel, nickel-chromium, molybdenum, chromium, vanadium, chromium-vanadium, tungsten, silicon-manganese). These steels, as the name implies, are alloys of carbon steel with one or more additional elements. Forgings from these steels are used wherever higher strength, resistance, durability, etc., are wanted. The proper selection of a particular analysis, together with its subsequent heat treatment, depends upon the particular service requirements of the part in question and is within the province of the metallurgist in consultation with the forging engineer.

3. **Corrosion and Heat-Resisting, and Stainless Steels.** The steels commonly used for resistance to corrosion or stain and for heat resistance are alloy steels usually high in chromium or nickel, or both. The particular type of corroding agent to be encountered determines the best analysis. Generally, but not necessarily, forged surfaces should be polished to obtain full benefit of corrosion-resisting properties.

4. **Iron.** Either wrought iron or ingot iron is forged for special applications where ductility is required. Wrought iron furnishes a moderate degree of corrosion resistance. The copper-bearing irons and low-carbon steels are in this class.

5. **Copper, Brasses, Bronzes.** Copper forgings have extensive applications in the electrical field. The brass and bronze alloys have moderate corrosion-resistant properties. Some of the bronzes have moderately high strength and good bearing properties.

6. **Nickel, and Nickel-Copper Alloys.** Pure nickel is forgeable. The alloy of nickel and copper known as Monel metal offers a desirable combination of strength, toughness, and corrosion resistance.

7. **Light Alloys** (aluminum, magnesium). The light alloys have about one-third the weight of steel and some have been developed to approximately the strength of low-carbon steel. Forgeable alloys are available in both the aluminum and magnesium groups.

COMMERCIAL FORGING PRACTICE

Impression die forgings are sold by the piece and not by the pound. It is understood without specific mention that the excess metal or flash of forgings shall be removed by trimming, and that forgings shall be free from injurious defects.

1. **Quantity.** The quantity specified permits standard practice limits on over-runs and under-runs.

2. **Size.** Forgings within commercial size limits will be furnished unless closer tolerances are specified.

3. **Coining or Sizing.** Closer tolerances may be obtained by additional hot or cold sizing operations.

4. **Surfacing Conditions.** Forgings are furnished in a cleaned condition by either tumbling, pickling or blast-cleaning unless otherwise specified.

5. **Special Requirements.** Any special requirement, such as heat treatment or special tests, should be clearly stated.

6. **Preparation Charges.** The production of impression die forgings requires the preparation of special dies and tools which may be charged to the customer as a separate item called "preparation charges." The customer has the exclusive right to use such dies and tools, but because the full cost is generally not included in such a charge he does not have the right to remove them without additional payment. Any such dies and tools are maintained in the future without further charges to the customer.

DRAFT ANGLE TOLERANCES

	Drop Forgings		Upset Forgings	
	Outside, deg	Inside Holes, deg	Outside, deg	Inside Holes, deg
Nominal angle	7	7 or 10	3	5
Commercial limits	0—10	0—13	0—5	0—8
Close limits	0—8	0—8	0—4	0—7

MISMATCHING TOLERANCES

Net weight up to	Commercial, in.	Close, in.
1 lb.	0.015	0.010
7 lb.	0.018	0.012
13 lb.	0.021	0.014
19 lb.	0.024	0.016
Each additional 6 lb. add	0.003	0.002
For example:		
37 lb.	0.033	0.022
55 lb.	0.042	0.028

Mismatching is the displacement of a point in that part of a forging formed by one die block of a pair, from its desired position when located from the part of the forging formed in the other die block of the pair. Mismatching does not include any displacement caused by variation in thickness of the forging, but is only the displacement in a plane parallel to the main or fundamental parting plane of the dies.

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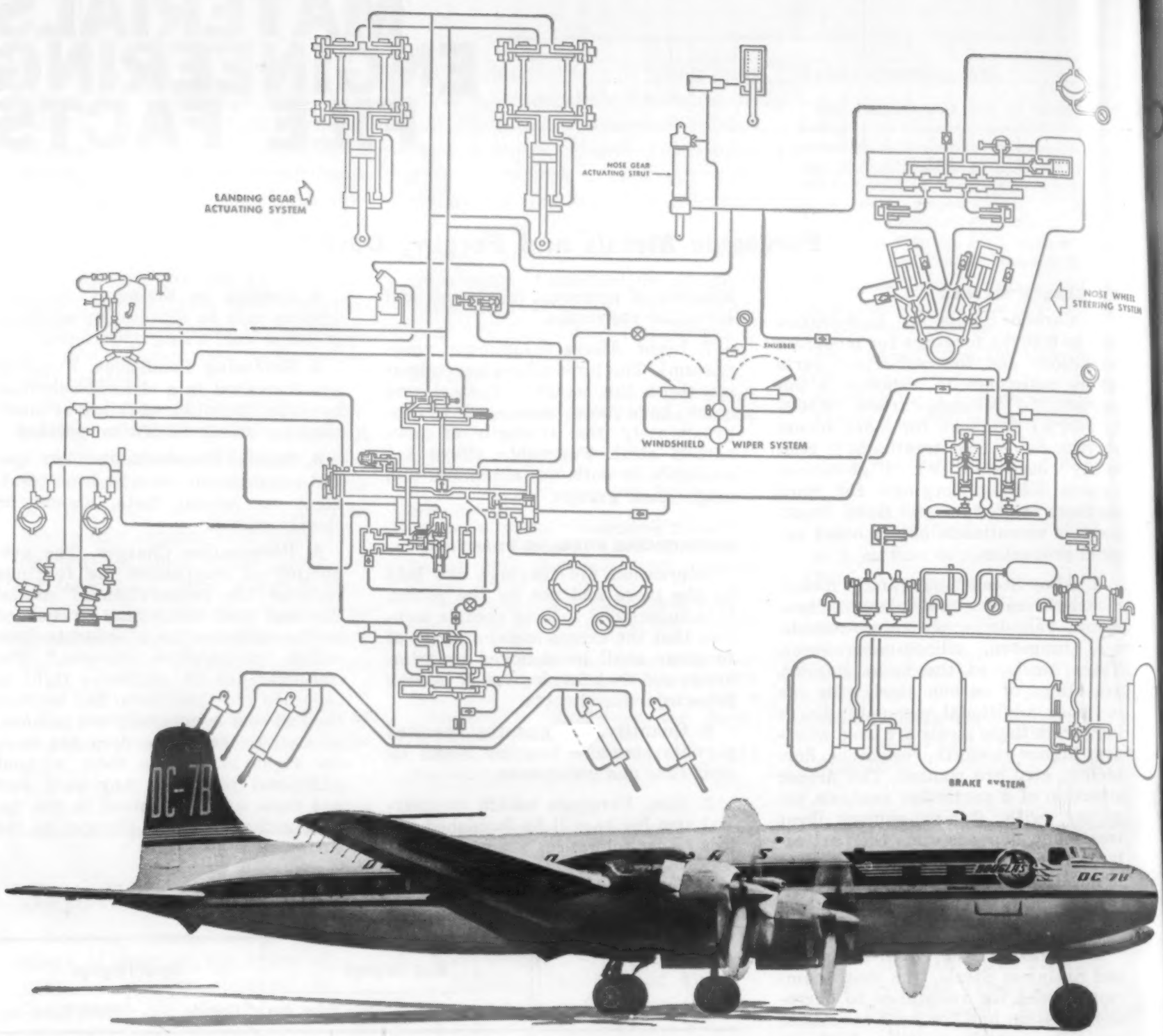

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FILLET AND CORNER TOLERANCES

Max Net Wt	Commercial, in.	Close, in.
0.3 lb	3/32	3/64
1.0 lb	1/8	1/16
3.0 lb	5/32	5/64
10.0 lb	3/16	3/32
30.0 lb	7/32	7/64
100.0 lb	1/4	1/8

Fillet and Corner Tolerances apply to all intersection surfaces even though drawings or models indicate sharp corners. If such drawings or models have or indicate fillet or corner dimensions of larger radii than the following standards, such larger dimensions shall be considered as actually specified and the tolerances shall be "special tolerances."

Where a corner tolerance applies on the meeting of two drafted surfaces, the tolerance shall apply to the narrow end of such meeting and the radius will increase toward the wide end. The total increase in the radius will equal the length of the drafted surface in inches, multiplied by the tangent of the nominal draft angle.

SHRINKAGE AND DIE WEAR TOLERANCES

Length or Width, in.	Shrinkage		Max Net Wt, lb.	Die Wear	
	Commercial, in. + or −	Close, in. + or −		Commercial, in. + or −	Close, in. + or −
1	0.003	0.002	1	0.032	0.016
2	0.006	0.003	3	0.035	0.018
3	0.009	0.005	5	0.038	0.019
4	0.012	0.006	7	0.041	0.021
5	0.015	0.008	9	0.044	0.022
6	0.018	0.009	11	0.047	0.024
For each additional in. add	0.003	0.0015	For each additional 2 lb. add	0.003	0.0015
For example:			For example:		
7	0.021	0.011	13	0.050	0.026
12	0.036	0.018	21	0.062	0.031

Shrinkage and die wear tolerances shall not be applied separately. They shall be applied as the sum of the two and shall be measured in such a way as to eliminate draft or variations in draft. They apply to that part of the forging formed by a single die block, and to no dimension crossing the parting plane.

THICKNESS TOLERANCES

Max Net Wt	Commercial, in.		Close, in.	
	Minus	Plus	Minus	Plus
0.2	0.008	0.024	0.004	0.012
0.4	0.009	0.027	0.005	0.015
0.6	0.010	0.030	0.005	0.015
0.8	0.011	0.033	0.006	0.018
1.0	0.012	0.036	0.006	0.018
2.0	0.015	0.045	0.008	0.024
3.0	0.017	0.051	0.009	0.027
4.0	0.018	0.054	0.009	0.027
5.0	0.019	0.057	0.010	0.030
10.0	0.022	0.066	0.011	0.033
20.0	0.026	0.078	0.013	0.039
30.0	0.030	0.090	0.015	0.045
40.0	0.034	0.102	0.017	0.051
50.0	0.038	0.114	0.019	0.057
60.0	0.042	0.126	0.021	0.063
70.0	0.046	0.138	0.023	0.069
80.0	0.050	0.150	0.025	0.075
100.0	0.058	0.174	0.029	0.087

Thickness Tolerances for drop hammer forgings apply to the over-all thickness measured in a direction perpendicular to the fundamental parting plane of the dies. For upset forgings, thickness tolerances apply to the metal actually enclosed and formed by the dies, measured parallel to the direction of travel of the ram.

QUANTITY TOLERANCES

Number of pieces on order	Over-run Pieces	Under-run Pieces
1—2	1	0
3—5	2	1
6—19	3	1
20—29	4	2
30—39	5	2
40—49	6	3
50—59	7	3
60—69	8	4
70—79	9	4
80—99	10	5
	Percent	Percent
100—199	10	5.0
200—299	9	4.5
300—599	8	4.0
600—1249	7	3.5
1250—2999	6	3.0
3000—9999	5	2.5
10,000—39,999	4	2.0
40,000—299,999	3	1.5
300,000 up	2	1.0

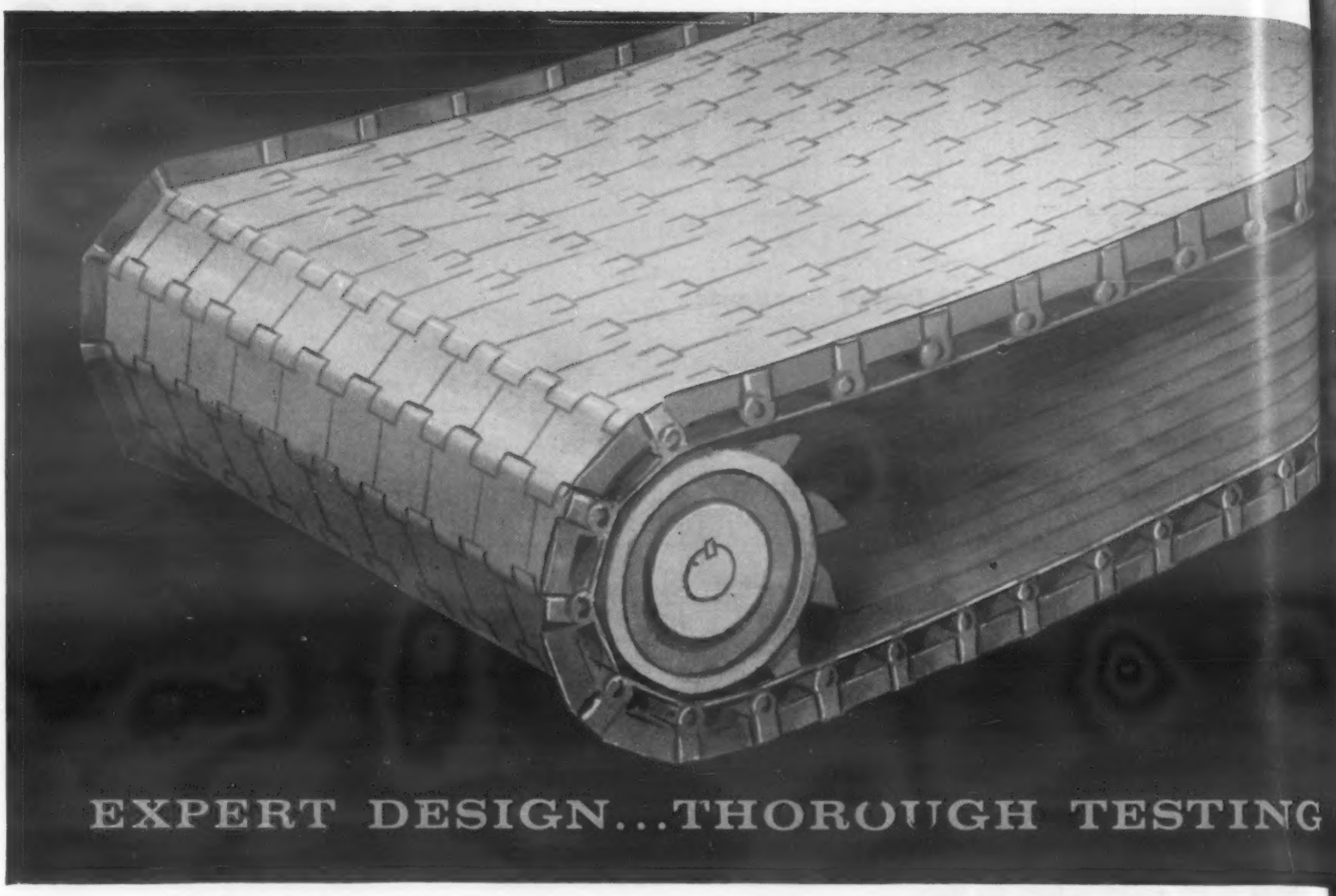
Quantity tolerances shall be the permissible over- or under-run allowed for each release or part shipment of an order. Any shipping quantity within the limits of over- and under-run shall be considered as completing the order. Commercial and close tolerances shall be the same amounts.

(Courtesy of Drop Forging Association)

NOTES:

Standard tolerances given on these pages are for forgings up to 100 lb.

Special tolerances may be specified when regular tolerances are not applicable. Regular tolerances, shown here, are classed as "Commercial Standard" and "Close Standard."



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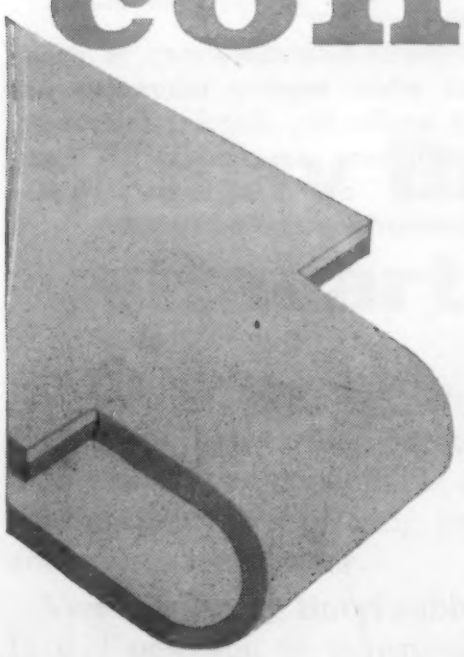

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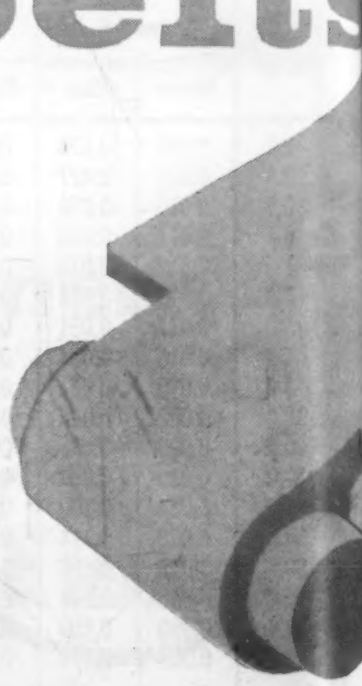

Heavy-duty
Typical heavy-duty link with integral cast pin to eliminate "crank-shafting".

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NEW MATERIALS PREVIEWS

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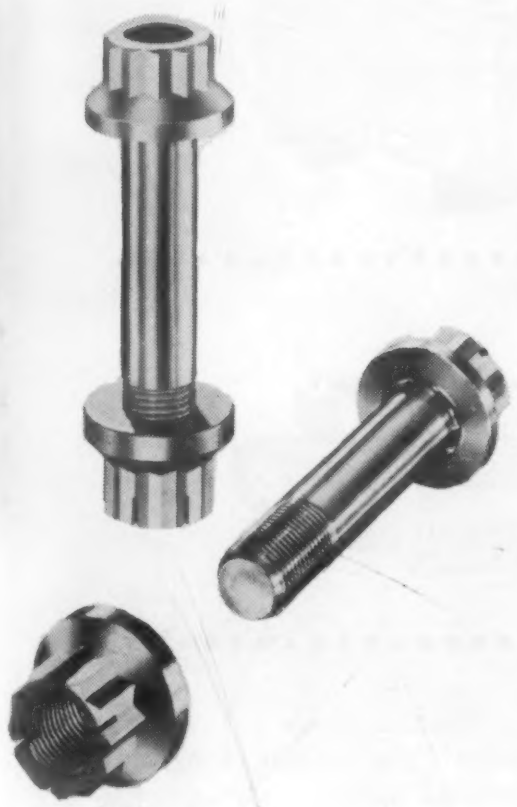

***Aircraft bolts** with tensile strength to 240,000 psi permit weight reduction in structural design.*

220,000 Psi Steel Bolt

To be used in jet interceptor

■ A new external wrenching bolt that was designed primarily for aircraft may have broad application in industrial design. It has tensile strengths of 220,000 to 240,000 psi, said to be the highest yet attained in a practical threaded fastener. This strength level is about 40% greater than that of the best standard high strength aircraft bolts now in use, the 160,000 psi MS 20004 series.

The fasteners, called Hi-Psi bolts, were developed by *Standard Pressed Steel Co.*, Jenkintown, Pa. They will be used for the first time on the new F-102A delta-wing jet interceptor by Convair Div. of General Dynamics Corp. The supplier foresees their use in other aircraft as a size-in-size substitute for present-day bolts to strengthen existing designs.

Properties

These new bolts have a minimum shear strength of 130,000 psi as compared to 95,000 psi minimum for current high strength aircraft shear bolts. Despite their high static tensile strength, these bolts have greater fatigue strength—as much as 78% greater—than the strongest standard steel bolts now in use.

As a result, one ⅜-in. dia Hi-Psi bolt is claimed to do the work of an ordinary 7/16-in. steel bolt. This substitution cuts bolt weight alone by almost 30%. Actual size and weight reductions can be much greater than this since a smaller bolt in a smaller hole permits use of smaller connecting structural members.

The company has compared the properties of both the ⅜-in. and ½-in. Hi-Psi bolts with comparable 160,000 psi MS-20004 series bolts. Their report indicates a tensile strength at the pitch thread area of 240,000 psi for the ⅜-in. Hi-Psi bolt, compared to 164,000 psi for the ⅜-in. MS bolt. Tensile strengths for the ½-in. Hi-Psi and MS bolts tested were 231,000 and 173,000 psi, respectively.

Fatigue strength of the ⅜-in. Hi-Psi was 82,000 psi at 8,000,000

HOW NEW BOLTS COMPARE WITH THE OLD

	⅜-24 Dia		½-20 Dia	
	Old MS20006	New EWB 22-6	Old MS20008	New EWB 22-8
Tensile strength, psi				
Root thread area	192,800	281,000	199,900	266,600
Mean thread area	178,100	260,300	186,000	248,100
Pitch thread area	164,000	239,800	172,900	230,600
Bolt gage specimen[a]	170,000	237,200	174,400	235,200
Yield strength, psi				
Root thread area	155,800	229,900	171,600	217,000
Mean thread area	143,800	212,300	159,700	201,900
Pitch thread area	132,500	195,600	148,400	188,700
Bolt gage specimen[a]	148,000	202,000	158,700	211,000
Elongation, % in 4 dia (bolt gage specimen[a])	14.5	12.5	15.6	13.5
Reduction in area, % (bolt gage specimen[a])	52.4	51.2	56.6	49.3
Shear strength, psi (bolt body)	100,200	138,300	106,200	137,500
Fatigue strength lb at 8 million cycles (10% preload)	3500	6750	7850	11,180

[a] Specimen diameter 0.252 in. for ⅜-in. bolts, 0.357 in. for ½-in. bolts.

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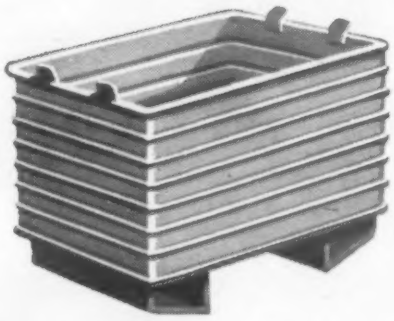

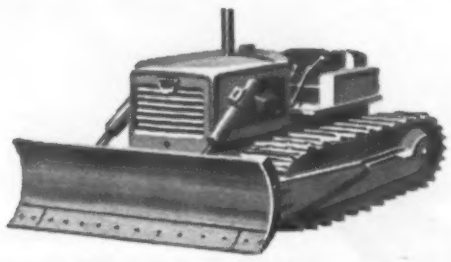

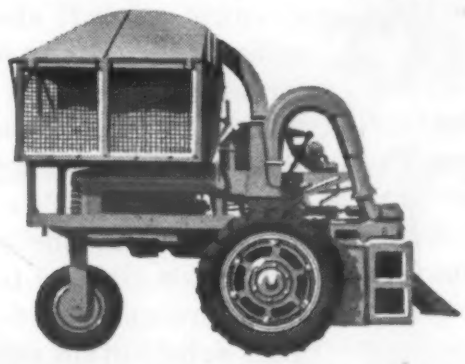

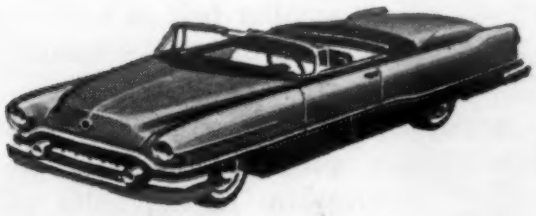

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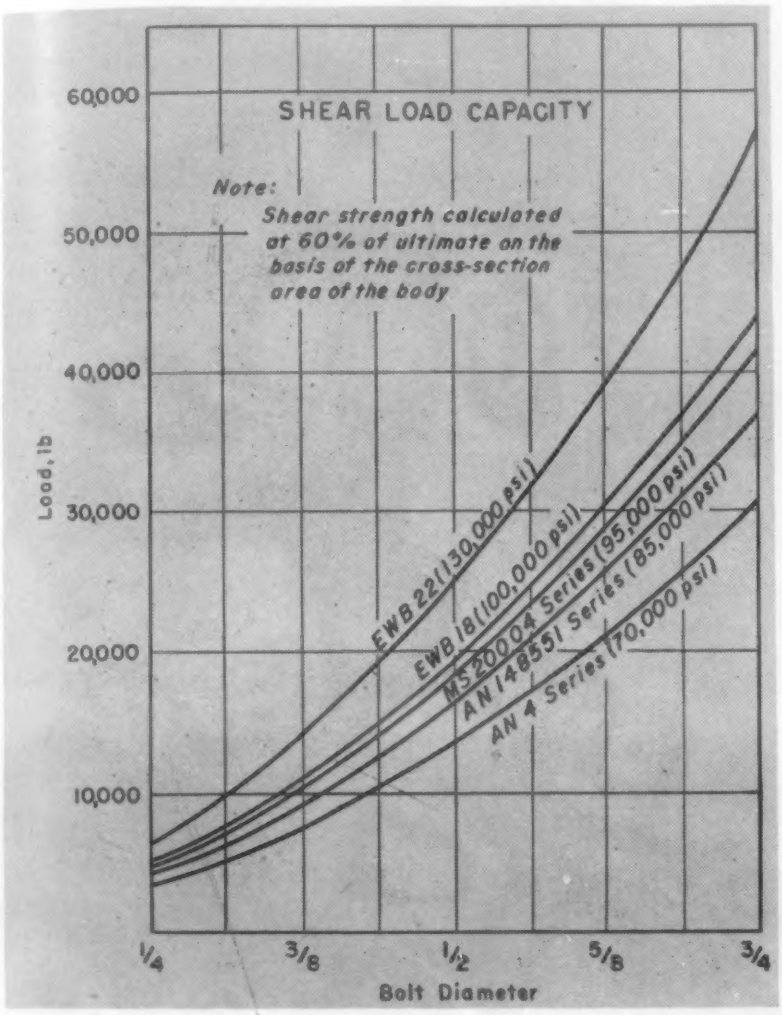

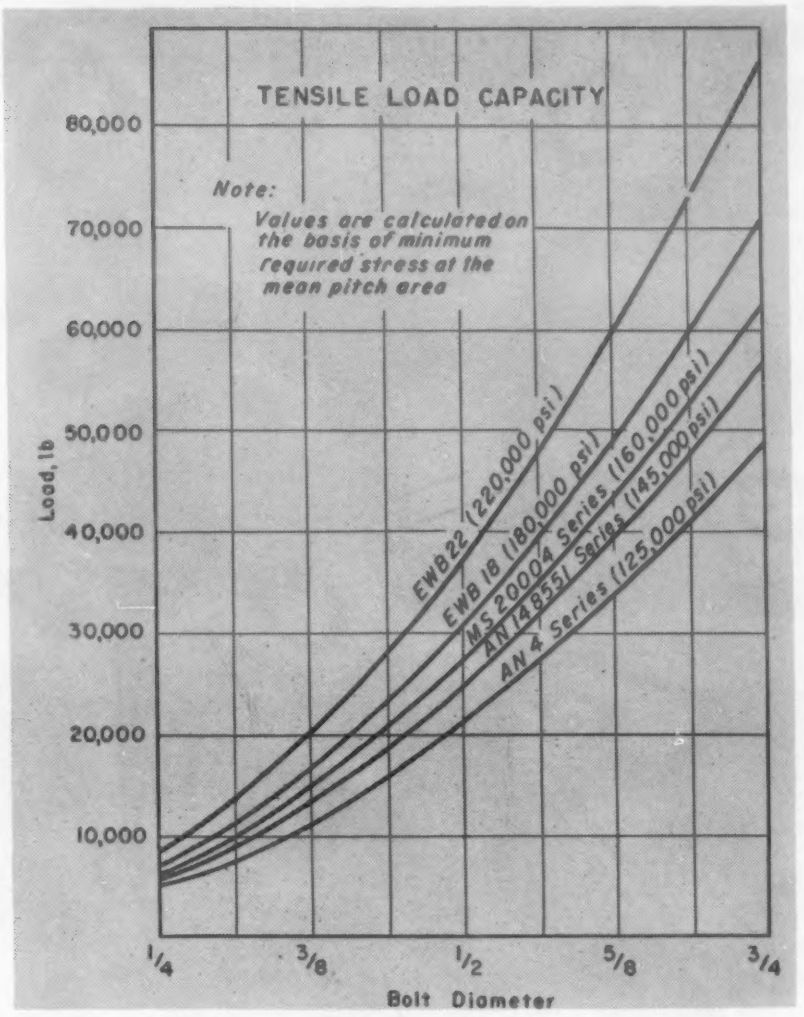

***How Hi-Psi bolts compare** with other high strength fasteners. A weight saving of almost 30% is expected with the new bolt.*

load cycles, 78% greater than the 46,000 psi fatigue strength of the MS bolt. Fatigue strength of the ½-in. Hi-Psi was 76,000 psi, 66% greater than the 47,000 psi value for the ½-in. MS. Other mechanical properties are shown in the accompanying table.

Design and development

Ordinarily, high tensile strength steel would be too brittle for the job performed by Hi-Psi fasteners. Ductility was increased by a series of design and processing innovations. These techniques included:

1. A carefully controlled heat treating technique that brings out more of the properties of the high strength alloy steel.

2. Special cleaning, plating and prolonged thermal treatment to minimize hydrogen embrittlement, a major cause of fatigue failures in ordinary bolts.

3. Special surface finishing to near-mirror smoothness to eliminate surface flaws that might induce fatigue failure.

4. A new thread design, called Hi-R, that features a root radius 30% larger than that on standard fasteners. The larger root radius reduces the stress concentrations that lower fatigue strength.

5. A technique for fully forming flaw-free threads after heat treatment in steel of extreme hardness.

6. Surface treating of the fillet area where the head of the bolt joins the shank.

7. A new bolt and head nut configuration of 12-point external wrenching design that improves tensile and fatigue characteristics and facilitates tightening.

Bolt assembly

The complete fastener assembly has three parts:

1. The Hi-Psi bolt, a 12-point external wrenching bolt, designated EWB-22 to indicate its type and its minimum tensile strength.

2. An automatic preload indicating washer, called PLI-22, that permits controlled tightening to preload the bolt automatically to 80% of yield strength.

3. A new high strength external wrenching locknut, designated EWN-22, that is strong enough to break the bolt.

Standard Pressed Steel is manufacturing Hi-Psi fasteners in ¼- to 1¼-in. dia. Bolts, nuts and washers are cadmium plated to military specifications.

(Other New Materials on p 169)

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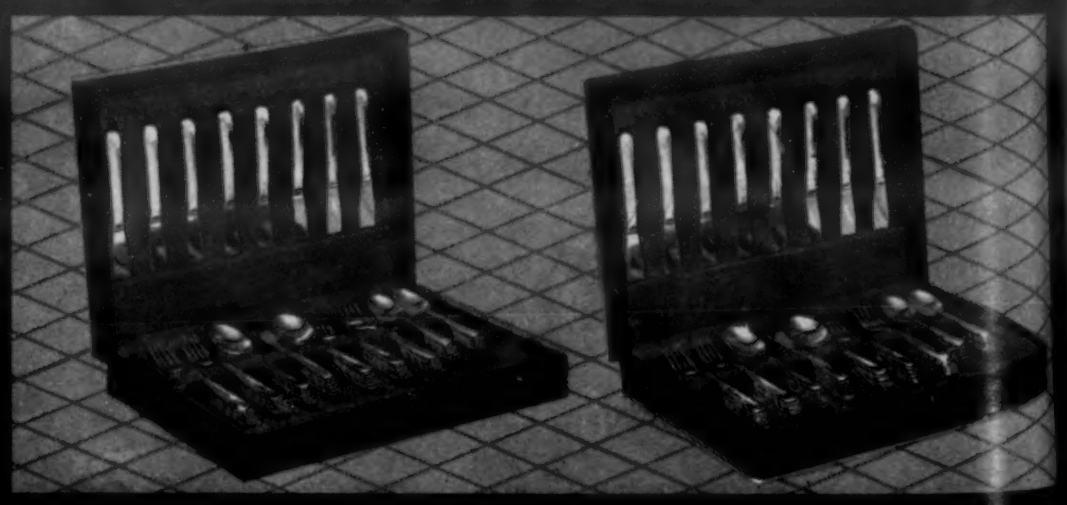

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COMPRESSION SET OF MOLD-EXPANDED SHEETS

Oven Cure	% Compression Set at Elevated Temperatures[a]					
	86 F		212 F		350 F	
	81597	81601	81597	81601	81597	81601
None	10	2	55	70	—	—
20 hr at 300 F	3	1	10	30	—	—
4 hr at 400 F	15	4	20	50	—	—
24 hr at 480 F	1	2	7	5	30	25

[a] ASTM D 1056-54T, 50% compression for 22 hr. 81597 specimens cut from sheets having 280 to 310% expansion, 81601 specimens cut from sheets having 260 to 275% expansion. Sheets cure-expanded, press cured 10 min at 300 F, oven cured as indicated.

Silicone Rubbers Designed for Sponging

■ Two new compounds designed specifically for the production of expanded unicellular silicone rubber are now in the developmental stage at the *Silicone Products Dept., General Electric Co.*, Waterford, N. Y. Sponge made from these compounds may be used at temperatures as low as —120 F and as high as 500 F.

Production flexibility

In the past, silicone rubber sponge has ordinarily been made from compounds designed for other applications. According to G-E, these new compounds greatly increase the time that may elapse between the freshening-forming step and the cure—with little or no loss in expansion. Freshened life is a minimum of 8 hr and may be as long as 24 hr. The result is more flexibility in production operations.

The new compounds are designated 81597 and 81601. Compound 81597 is white and has an uncured specific gravity of 1.21-1.24. Compound 81601 is neutral and may be colored as desired. Its uncured specific gravity is 1.17-1.19. Mechanical properties of both the expanded and unexpanded compounds are given in the accompanying tables.

Heat aging

Heat aging tests (ASTM D 1056-54T) have also been performed on 81597. Specimens were cut from mold-expanded sheets having 280 to 310% expansion. The sheets were cure-expanded, being press cured 10 min at 300 F, then oven aged 14 days at 350 F. Load required for 25% deflection was increased to 13 psi, and load for 50% deflection to 28 psi. Compression set after 22 hr at 86 F was increased to 4%, and compression set after 22 hr at 212 F was 8%.

In order to maintain uniformity, G-E supplies these compounds without blowing agent, which must be incorporated by the fabricator during the freshening operation. Other advantages claimed for 81597 and 81601 are: 1) batch to batch reproducibility of percent volume expansion, 2) ability to be blown and cured to optimum expansion in 10 to 20 min at temperatures as low as 300 F, 3) ability to be extruded for free-expansion or mold-expension process, 4) ability to fill a mold volume and be cured in one operation, and 5) uniform, unicellular cross-sections.

(Other New Materials on p 170)

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF PRESS CURED (UNEXPANDED) COMPOUNDS[a]

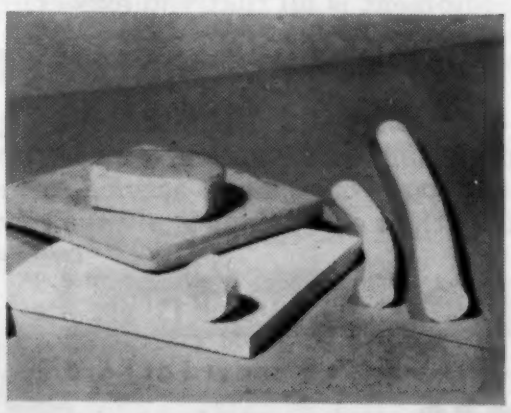
	81597	81601
Hardness, Shore A	45 ±5	45 ±5
Tensile strength, psi	800	800
Elongation, %	250	200

[a] Unexpanded ASTM slabs press cured for 10 min at 270 F, oven cured 24 hr at 300 F.

COMPRESSION-DEFLECTION OF MOLD-EXPANDED SHEETS[a]

Oven Cure	Load to Compress 25%, Psi		Load to Compress 50%, Psi	
	81597	81601	81597	81601
None	5	10	15	28
20 hr at 300 F	8	13	17	34
4 hr at 480 F	6	13	16	37
24 hr at 480 F	8	18	19	43

[a] ASTM D 1056-54T. Specimens cut from sheets having 285 to 300% expansion, press cured 10 min at 300 F, oven cured as indicated.



Silicone rubber sponge. *Cylindrical pieces are free-blown extrusions. Flat pieces were molded.*

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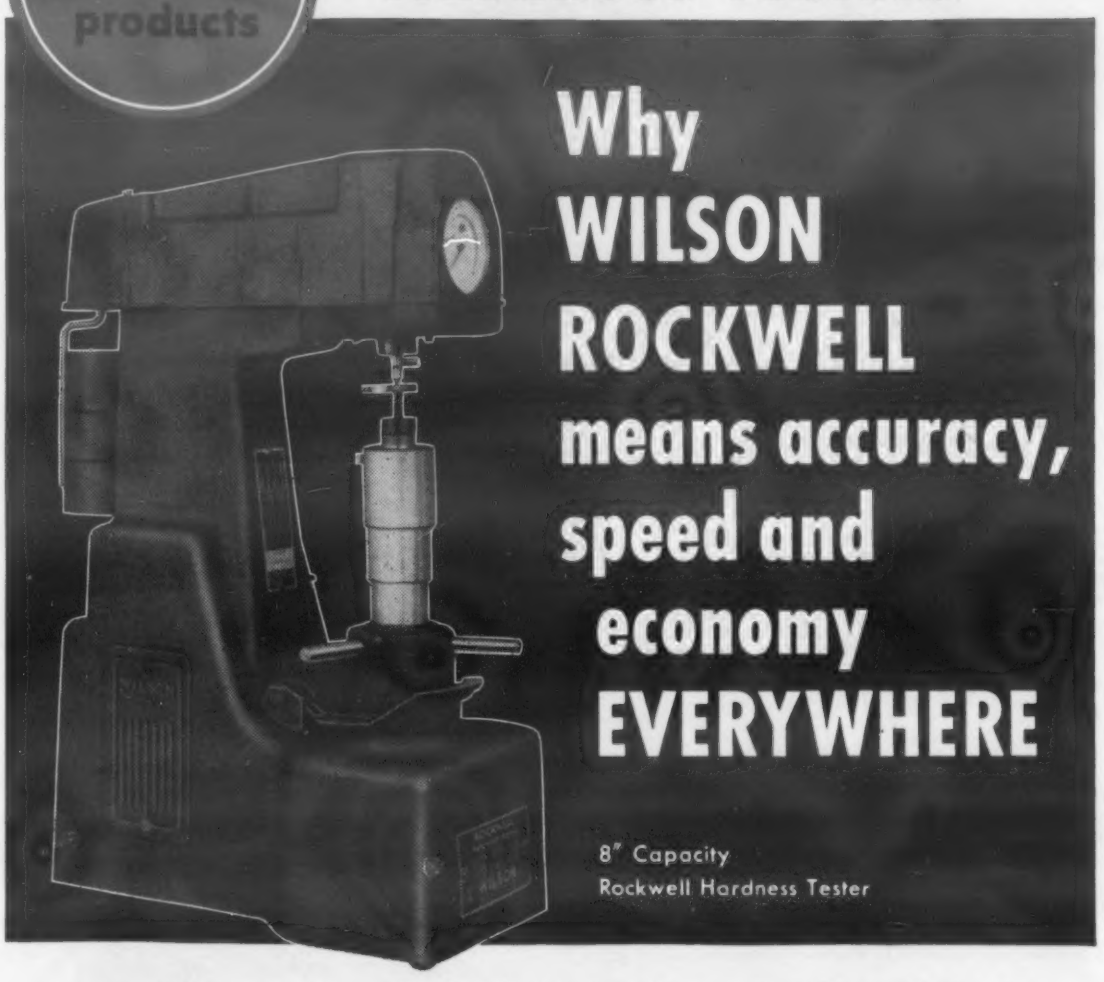

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OTHER NEW MATERIALS, PRODUCTS

Other New Silicone Rubber Compounds

Two new silicone rubber compounds have been announced:

AMS 3301B material—A red colored, 40 durometer hardness material, called X-1034R, has been developed by *Silicones Div., Union Carbide & Carbon Corp.*, 30 E. 42nd St., New York 17. It is claimed to meet fully the requirements of AMS 3301B. It has shown excellent resistance to high temperatures, low compression set and low moisture pick up. It can be molded, extruded or calendered with conventional or special catalysts. With di-tertiary-butyl peroxide catalyst, it can also be used for thick sections.

Class 300 compounds—The first silicone rubber compounds claimed to have the same shrinkage as organic rubber have been developed by *Silicone Products Dept., General Electric Co.*, Waterford, N. Y. The three improved Class 300 compounds are designated SE-361, SE-371 and SE-381. They are said to make possible, for the first time, the molding of silicone rubber parts in the same molds used for organic rubber parts. These compounds also offer unusually low compression set without toxic additives. They may be cured equally well by mold, air vulcanization or steam methods.

Hollow Aluminum Bar for Machined Parts

Hollow aluminum bar stock, developed by *Harvey Aluminum Div.*, 19200 S. Western Ave., Torrance, Calif., is claimed to offer substantial savings over conventional solid screw machine stock. Savings are attributed not only to lower materials cost but also to lower machining costs. The aluminum alloy used is 6066.

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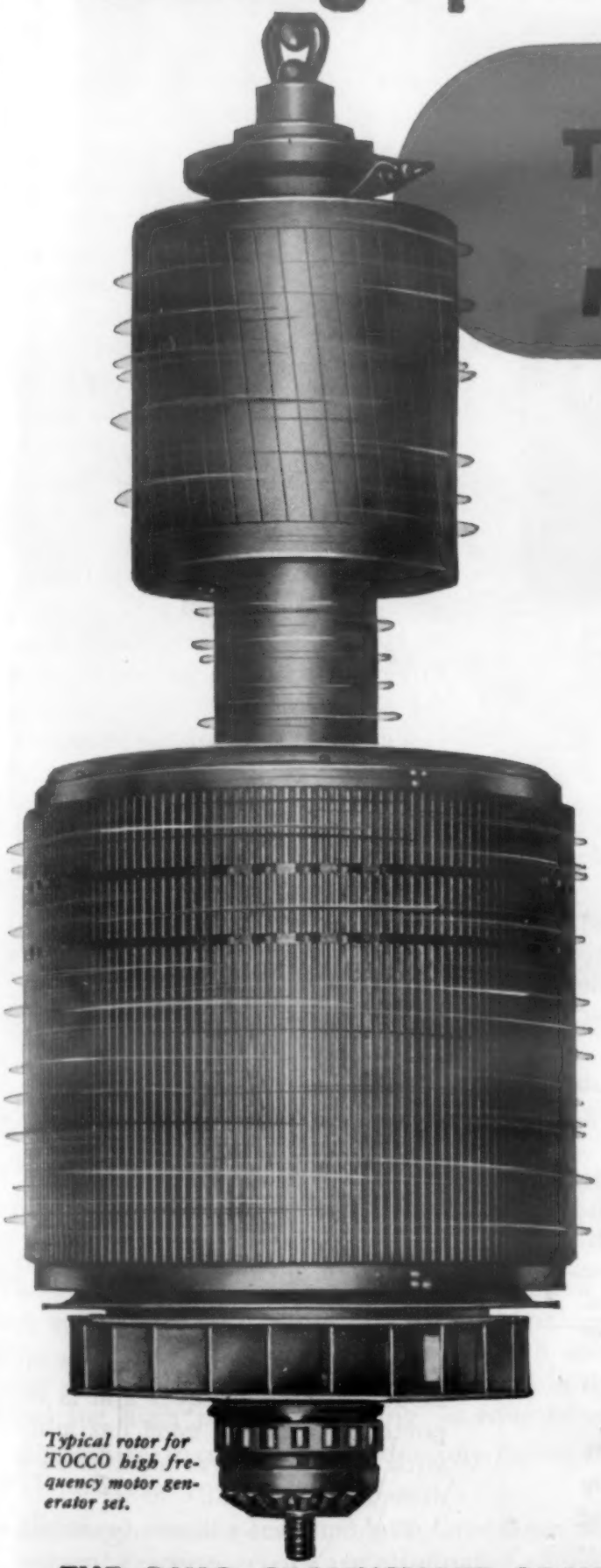

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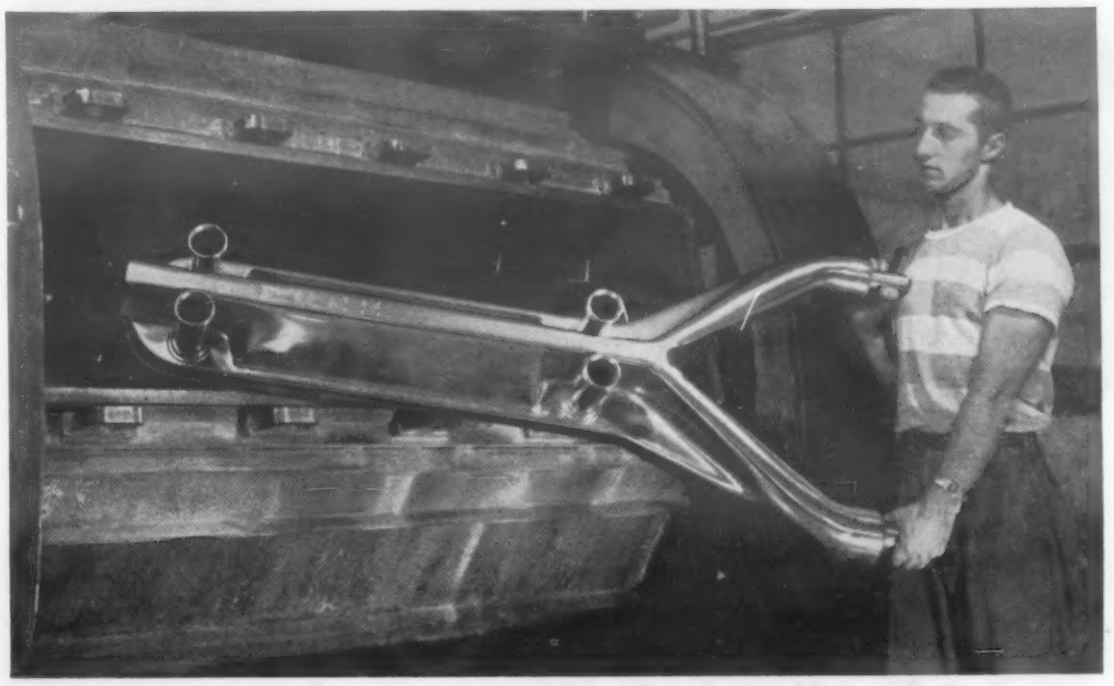

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speed of machining operations. Closer tolerances also can be held since normal heat and pressures generated in machining solid bar stock, do not occur in working hollow materials. Tests over long production runs reportedly indicate that the hollow aluminum bar stock has superior machining qualities for inside working tools, because the stock has the same cold worked properties on both the inside and outside surfaces.

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The stock is available in rounds of 1 through 2½ in. dia in 1/16-in. increments and 2⅝ through 3½ in. in ⅛-in. increments. Wall thicknesses for rounds vary from 0.109 to 0.500.

Epoxy Resin System Is Flexible Insulator

A modified epoxy resin system developed by *Furane Plastics, Inc.*, 4516 Brazil St., Los Angeles, is designed for electronic insulation applications requiring a semi-rigid, low modulus material that offers high electrical resistance from —65 F to at least 300 F. Called Epocast 15, it cures at moderate temperatures and is reported to combine good flexibility with outstanding properties as a dielectric material.

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PROPERTIES OF EPOCAST 15

Dielectric constant	3.4
Loss factor at 110 kc	0.017
Loss factor at 1.0 mc	0.027
Loss factor at 11.0 mc	0.038
Volume resistivity at 300 F, microhm-cm	1.1×10^{10}
Elongation (tensile)	135%
Pot Life	3-4 da at 80 F
Cure	6 hr/200 F or 3 hr/250 F

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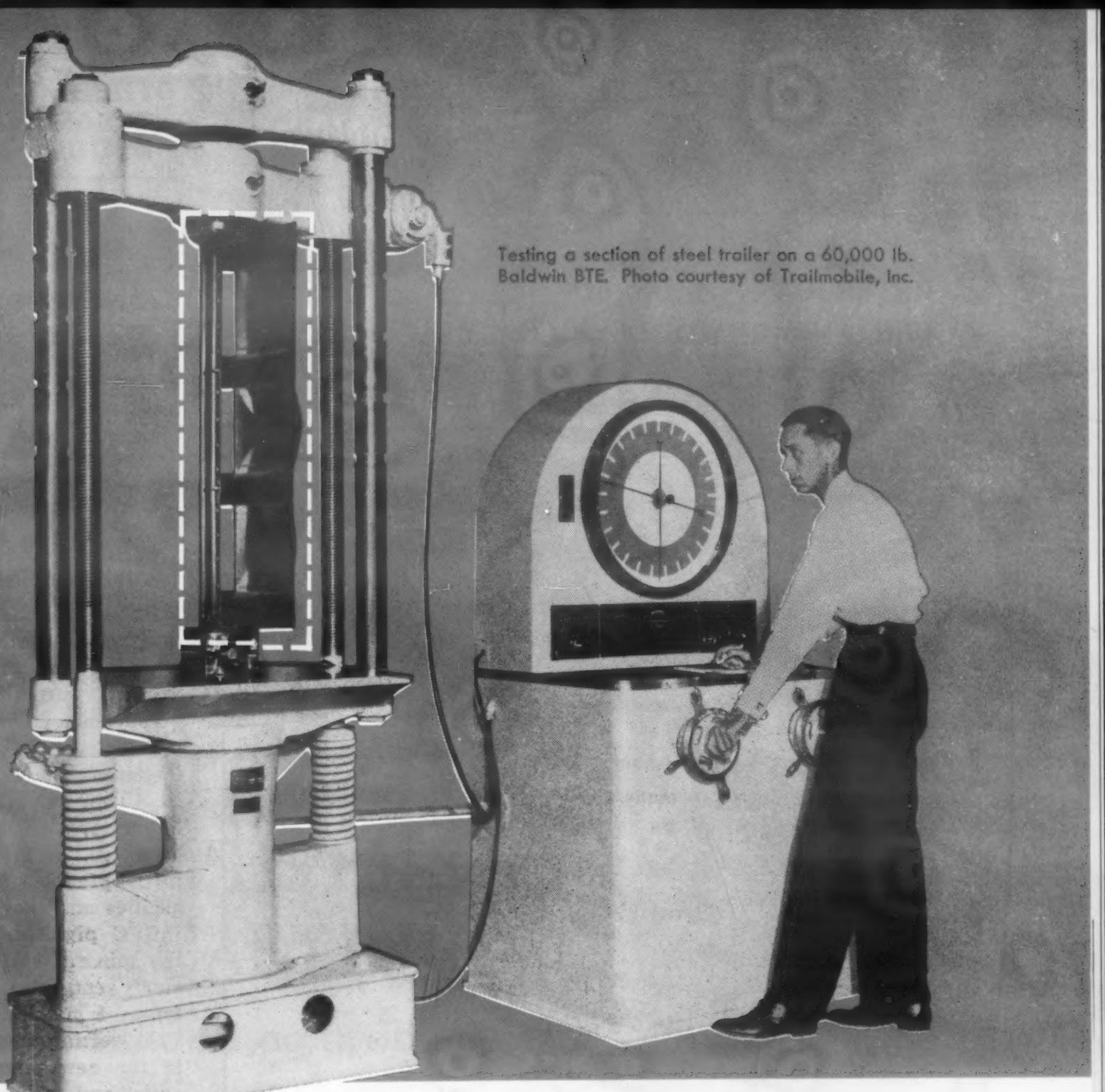

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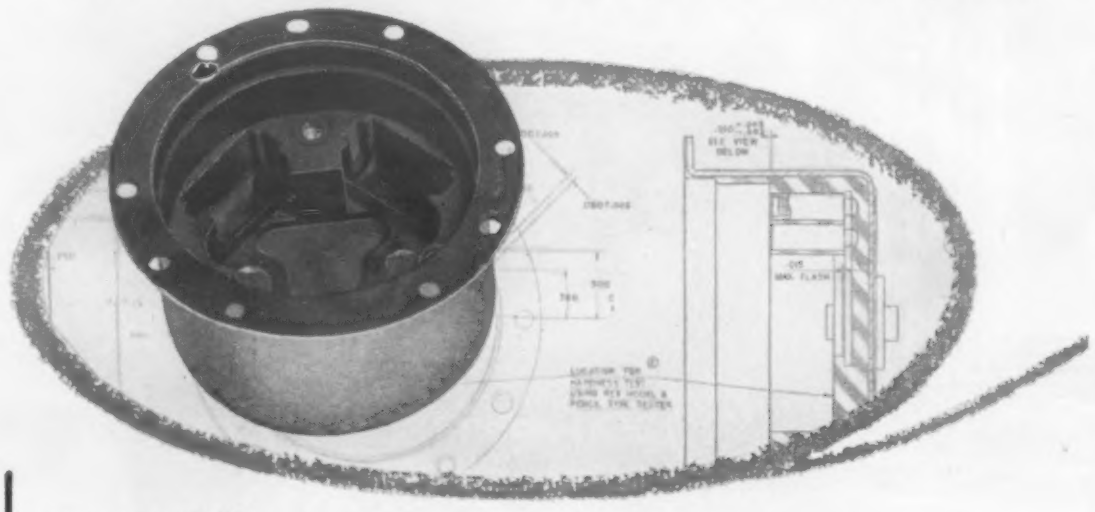

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C. Stud holes to be kept absolutely free of rubber.

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New Paste Pigments Improve Metallic Paints

Paints, varnish, enamels and inks made with new multiple paste pigments are said to possess greater durability, luster and permanence. The new pigments, designated CPC, are made by *Chemical Sealers, Inc.*, Belleville, Ill. They are nonvolatile, nonhygroscopic, nonoxidizing and noncorrosive. They do not hydrolyze in the presence of water, acids or alkalies and they do not discolor.

CPC pigments do not contain the mineral spirits or oils commonly employed in conventional types of metallic pigment pastes. The wetting agent incorporated in the new pigments lubricates, coats and polishes the metallic pigment flakes, and increases the surface tension of most conventional vehicles. The result is a more uniform dispersion of pigment causing accelerated leafing and producing a more tightly cemented metallic surface skin that is resistant to water, acids, alkalies, fungi, algae and salt water.

CPC pigments are claimed to be the first paste pigments of such metals as copper, bronze and even elemental iron that have practical applications. Among other metallic pigments being developed by the company are aluminum, silver, gold, lead, antimony, nickel, titanium, stainless steel, beryllium, tin, chromium, vanadium and tungsten. CPC pigments are also reported to form an ideal base for putty and caulking compounds, since they remain soft, plastic and usable indefinitely.

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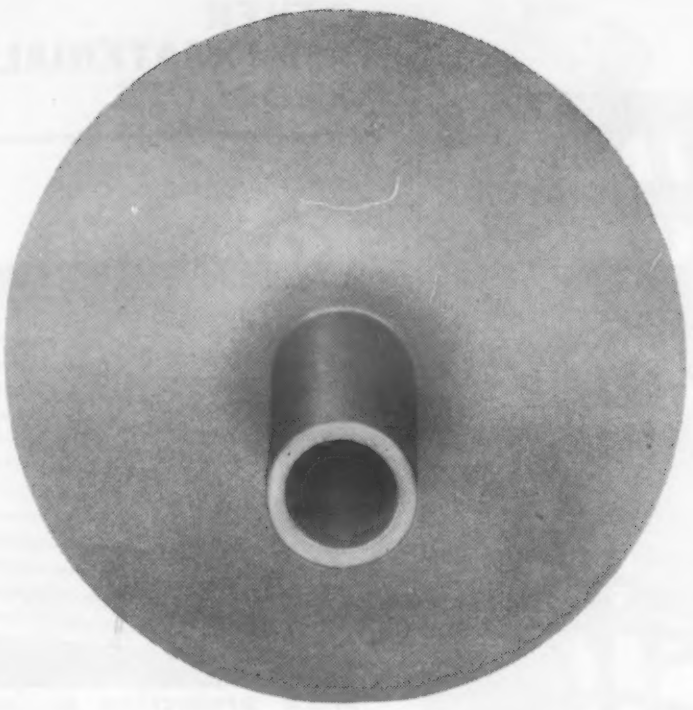

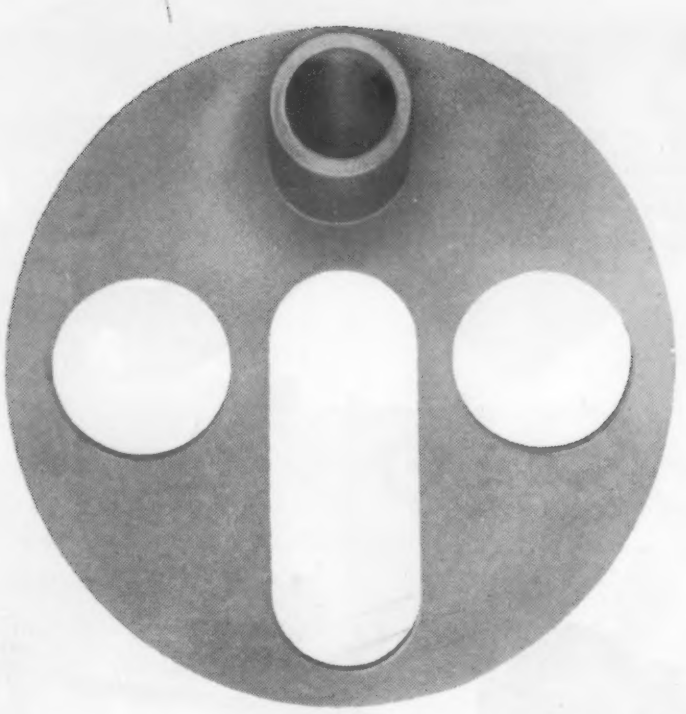

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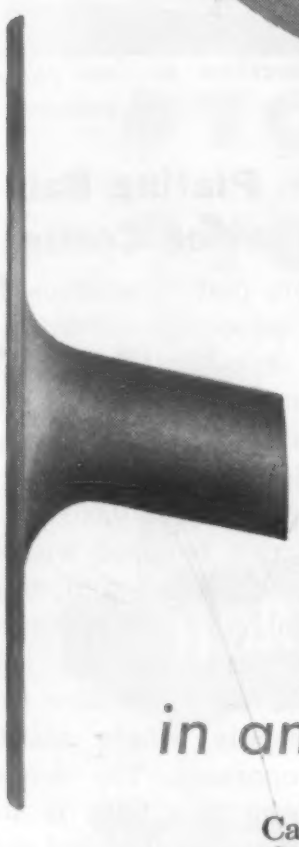

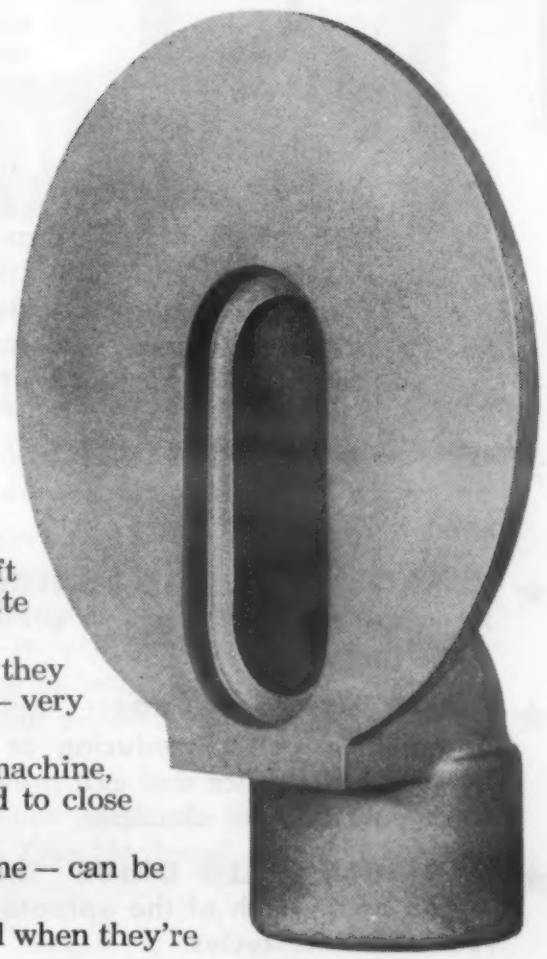

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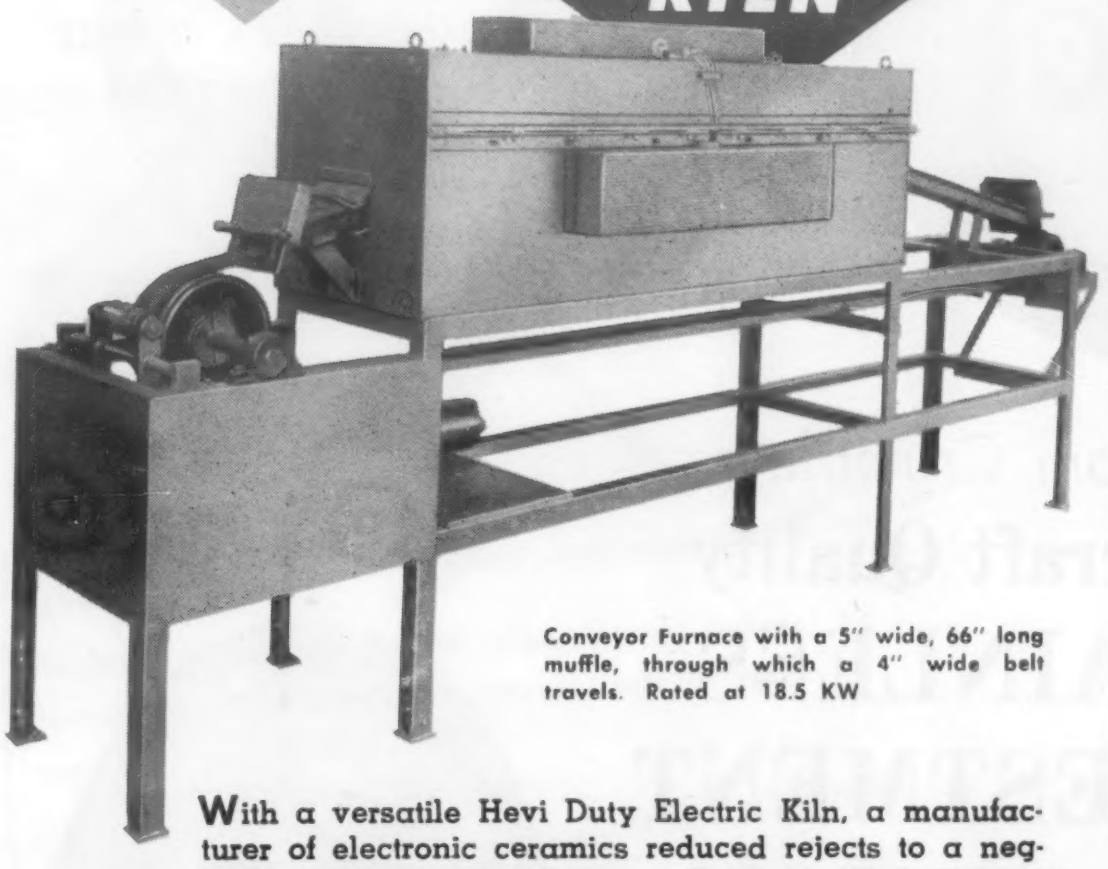

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Rhodium Plating Bath Gives Heavier Coatings

A rhodium plating solution designed to produce heavier deposits with lower stress in less time has been announced by *Baker & Co., Inc.*, Newark, N. J. Known as Rhodium Solution No. 221, it is claimed to plate up to 0.001 in. in 70 min. It can be used without modification of present equipment.

Though intended for producing specification deposits, the bath may be used for decorative purposes, especially where plating speed is important. The deposit produced from this bath is also useful in many electrical and electronic applications. It is said to assure low noise level for moving contacts, low and stable contact resistance, and no oxide rectification. Plated over nickel or silver, rhodium provides protection for printed circuits.

Airfoil Shaped Strip Is Smooth, Accurate

Airfoil strip reportedly produced to close tolerances with excellent finishes has been developed by *General Plate Div., Metals & Control Corp.*, Attleboro, Mass. This profile-rolled material is said to be finding wide use as stator blades for jet engine compressors and in other turbine type applications such as hydraulic torque converters. Here, the surface

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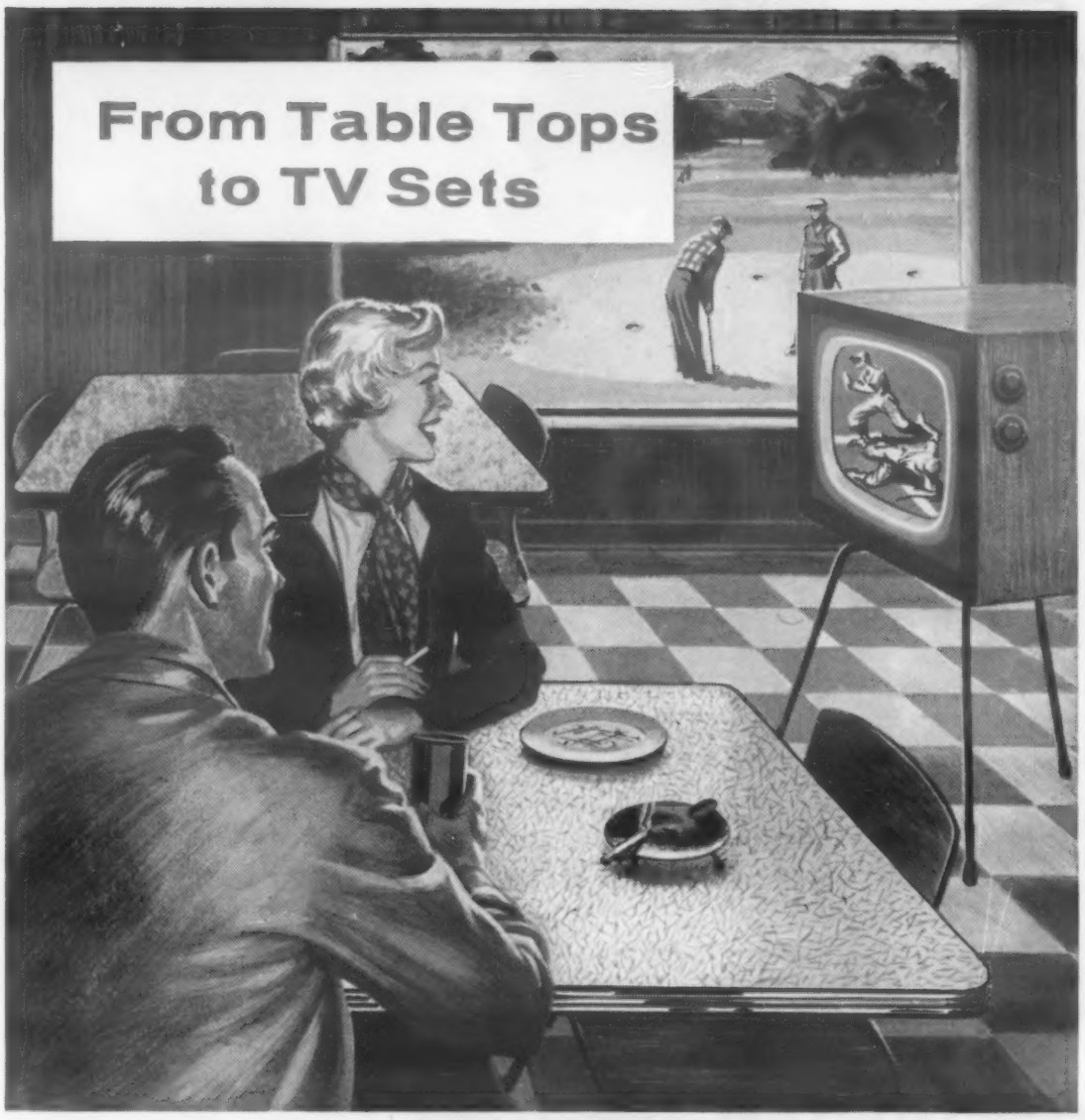

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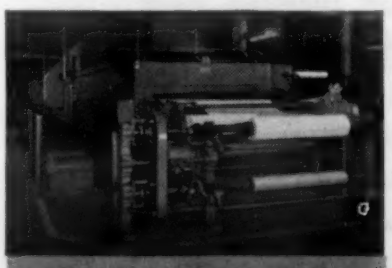

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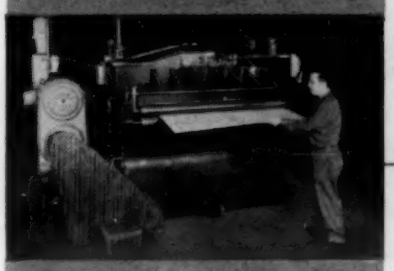

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polishing is omitted since the as rolled finish is adequate for most hydraulic purposes.

The strip is available in continuous coils, random lengths and straight lengths (stretcher leveled up to 6 ft); in widths up to 1.5 ±0.006 in. and 2.5 ±0.009 in.; and in thicknesses up to 0.300 in. The rolled finish, not more than 40 microin. rms, is adequate for most hydraulic applications. The strip is also available polished to 20-25 microin. or buffed to a finish of no greater than 16 microin.

Metals used to produce the vane material are Type 410 stainless steel, Ascoloy, low carbon steel, brass, aluminum and titanium.

New Adhesives Bond Diverse Materials

Five recent developments in adhesives for rigid materials, plastics foams and laminates, and packaging films are described below.

1. For rigid materials

Three structural adhesives for general and special purpose bonding of rigid materials, such as metals, glass, ceramics, hard rubber and plastics, have been announced by *Leffingwell Chemical Co.*, Whittier, Calif.

Known as Lefkoweld 46, 108 and 201, they are based on epoxy resins and have been formulated to meet tensile requirements of MIL-A-5090B aircraft structural assemblies. They are solvent free and easily handled even on complex contours.

Lefkoweld 46 is for general purpose bonding of like or unlike materials where curing at room temperatures or slightly above is desired. Lefkoweld 108 cures at moderately elevated temperatures and maintains full strength from dry ice temperatures to 200 F. It is suitable for intermittent use without degradation up to 400 F. Lefkoweld 201 gives high bonding strengths at

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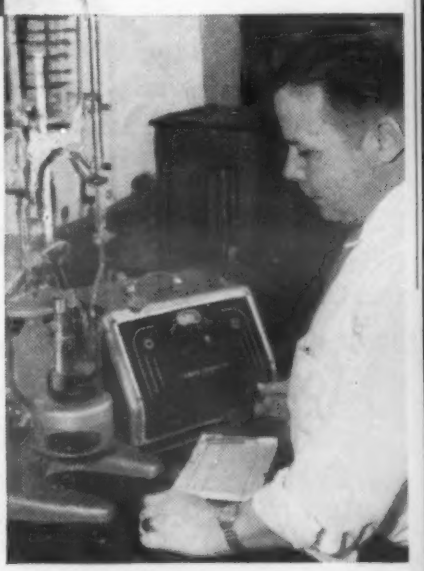
Direct reading spectrographic analysis of metals obtained in minutes after being tapped from cupola or furnace.

Test heat of special alloy iron being poured in experimental laboratory.



Both raw materials and finished castings are given chemical tests to assure conformance to specifications.

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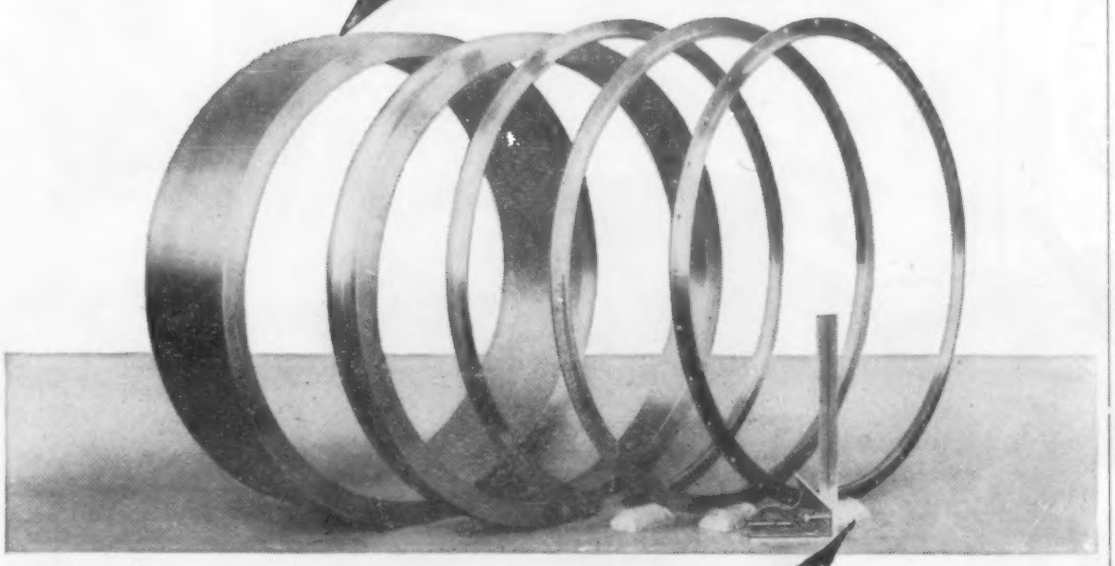

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200 F and is said to be easy to handle.

2. For polyurethane foam

A liquid adhesive for binding polyurethane foams has been developed by *Borden Co., Chemical Div., Resinous-Reslac Dept.*, 103 Foster St., Peabody Mass. Called Arcco C 518, the solution will bond polyurethane to paper or fabric. The adhesive is available in brush viscosity but may be thinned for spray application. It may be applied on a wet-stick basis to either one or both surfaces, depending on bond requirements.

3. For plastics packages

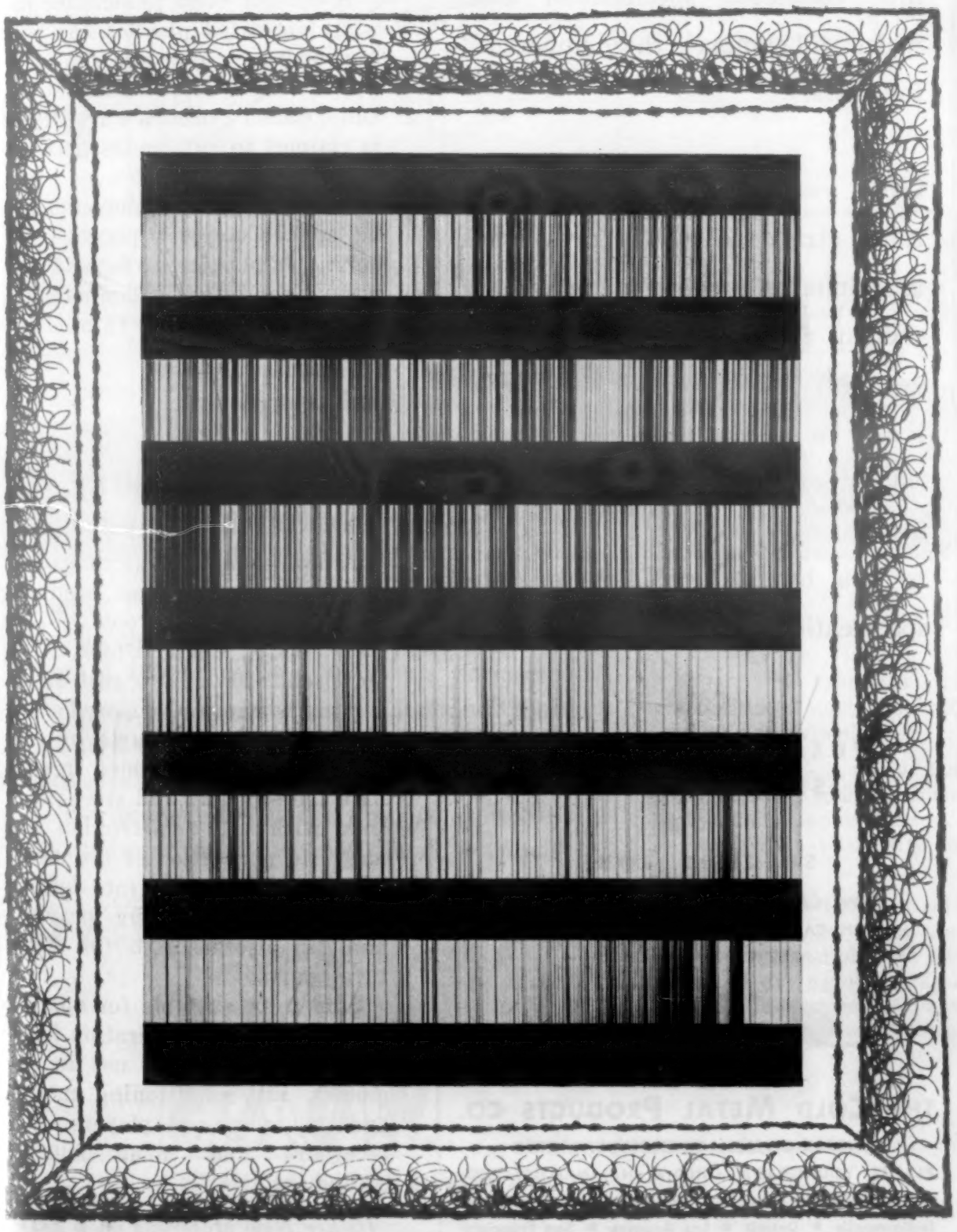
A series of adhesives based on synthetic resins, latices, lacquers and other organics have been introduced by *Paisley Products, Inc.*, 630 W. 51st St., New York 19. Called Pliastics, these adhesives have been formulated for plastics used in the packaging industry.

Pliastic-241, the most versatile in the series, is built around synthetic latices. It is recommended for surface treated polyethylene, Mylar and heavily waxed glassines. Pliastic-242 and 243 are of heavier viscosity than 241. Pliastic-7051 also has a latex base, but is suitable for work with Pliofilm. Pliastic-1707 is formulated for adhering paper labels to lacquered, varnished, printed or metal containers, plastics bottles or closures, and plated metals. Pliastic-5515 is a polyvinyl acetate type adhesive used with cellulose acetate, polystyrene, Saran, and cellophane packages. Pliastic-8423 is a lacquer type adhesive, specially compounded for Mylar. Also developed by Paisley are two carbohydrate-base materials, 6718 and 6722, used on silicone coated bottles.

4. For printed circuits

High solder temperature resistance is claimed for an adhesive developed by *Houghton Laboratories, Inc.*, Olean, N. Y., for printed circuits. Called Hysol

PORTRAIT OF A CHAMPION



Nichrome*, the famous alloy whose spectrogram you see here, is as truly a masterpiece as any Rembrandt or DaVinci hanging in the galleries—and for largely the same reason.

For the principal elements in Nichrome, *anyone* can combine. What gives Nichrome its unapproachable superiority over all other heat-resistance alloys, is the truly personal elements that go into its making—the all-important, highly specialized skills of the Driver-Harris technicians.

Step-by-step from melting through every processing operation, from furnace to finished spools of wire (some drawn as fine as .0005 dia.) exacting metallurgical controls and checks operate to assure the peerless and enduring qualitites of Nichrome. These quality controls represent 58 years of continuous alloy research that have established Nichrome as the time-tested standard by which all similar alloys are measured.

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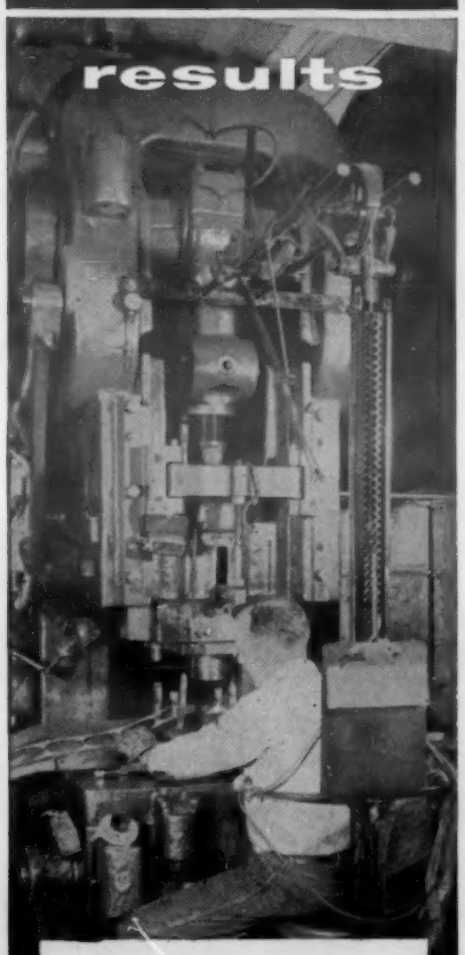

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2217, it is a modified rubber phenolic adhesive supplied as a one component, low viscosity (600 cps) liquid. Dip solder resistance varies from 10 to 30 sec at 500 F.

Peel strengths of 12 to 17 lb per in. have been obtained, depending on type and thickness of the copper used. According to Houghton, the adhesive coated copper can be stored for at least six months without danger to bond uniformity or loss of bond strength.

5. For laminated plastics

A contact bond cement for use with laminated plastics has been announced by *Formica Co.*, 4620 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati 32, Ohio. Called Formica Fast Dry, it is claimed to cut professional installation time by 30%.

The clear smooth compound may be applied to both plywood and laminated plastics surfaces. Under normal conditions a laminate can be applied after only 15 min drying time.

Powder Metallurgy Bearing Compound

A powder metallurgy compound, called Compo E, has been developed by *Bound Brook Oil-Less Bearing Co.*, Bound Brook, N. J., for production of low cost oil retaining bearings. Composed of approximately equal parts of iron and bronze, it is claimed to combine the economy and strength of iron with the anti-friction and long life properties of bronze. It can be fabricated into sleeve, flange or self-aligning bearings and can also be used for structural parts.

Said to be suitable for applications where quiet operation is essential, it is finding use in fan motors, air conditioning motors and drives, record players, tape recorders and home laundry equipment.

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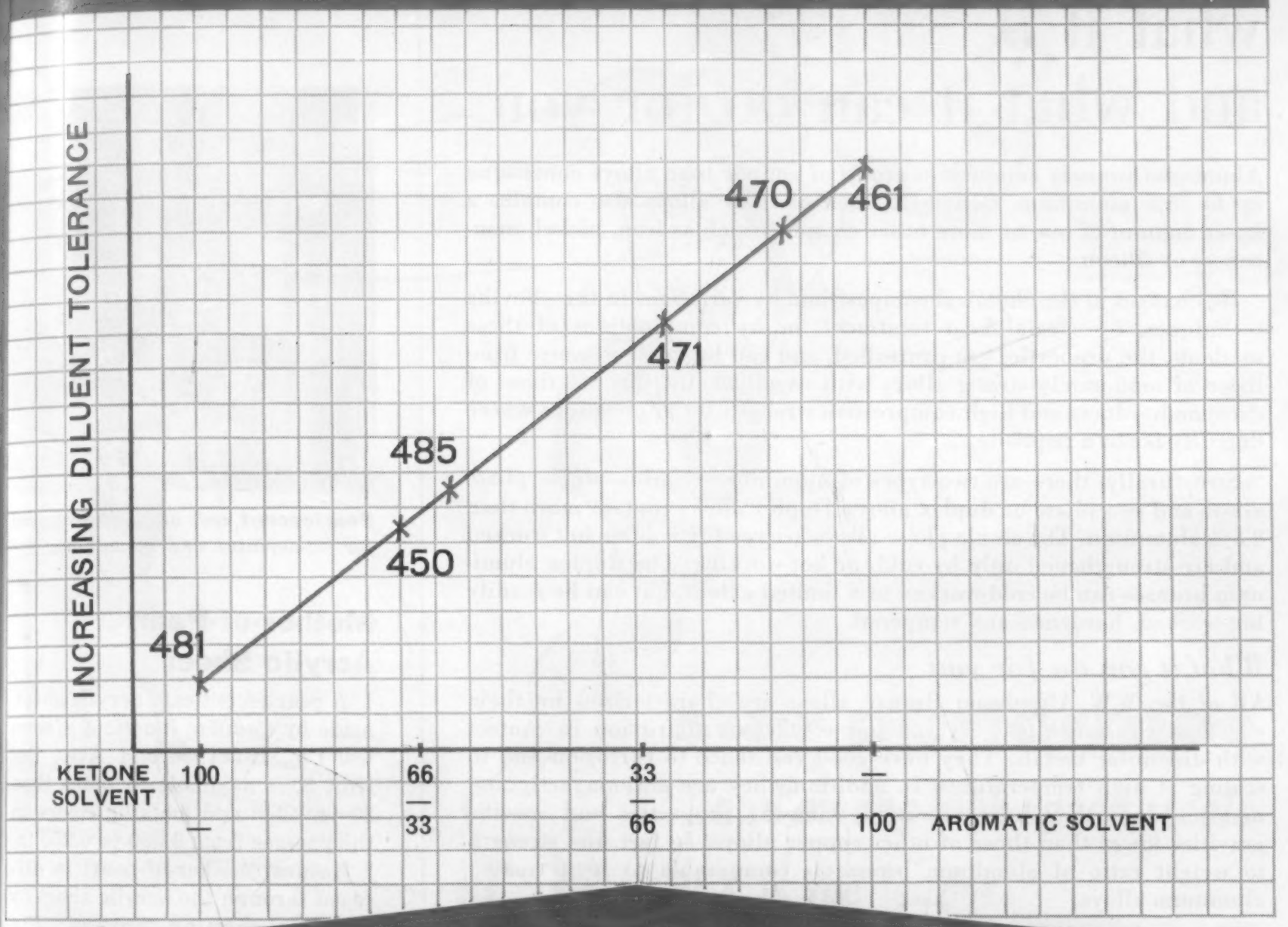

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WW Aluminum Bronze—what it is and what it can do for you

Aluminum bronzes comprise a group of copper base alloys containing up to 15% aluminum. Generally, each of these alloys also contains a lesser amount of one or more other elements such as iron, nickel, manganese or silicon.

By changes of the chemical composition, by variations in the alloying techniques, by special heat treatment, or by combinations of these methods, the properties are controlled, and can be made to range from those of moderately strong alloys with excellent ductility, to those of extreme hardness and high compressive strength for applications where ductility is not a requisite.

Structurally, there are two types of aluminum bronzes—single phase alloys and two phase or duplex alloys. Duplex alloys contain more than 8.5% aluminum. The single phase alloys are readily cold or hot worked and are strengthened only by cold- or hot-working. The duplex aluminum bronzes can be cold-worked to a limited extent, but can be readily hot-worked, hardened and tempered.

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All of the WW Aluminum Bronze alloys are characterized by their excellent resistance to wear and low coefficient of friction in contact with dissimilar metals. They have good resistance to corrosion and to scaling at high temperatures. In addition, they are anti-magnetic and non-sparking; they have vibration damping properties and specific gravities lower than those of other copper alloys. In fact, the strength to weight ratio of aluminum bronze is comparable to heat treated aluminum alloys.

These unique characteristics make aluminum bronze important to the product designer in the following typical applications:

Wear Resistance—bearings, bushings, machine tool parts, forming and drawing dies, wear plates, gears, cams, worm wheels, slides, guides, etc.

Corrosion Resistance—heat exchanger equipment, cylinder heads, pump parts, pickling equipment, autoclaves, valve sleeves, marine parts, etc.

Non-Magnetic—electrical parts, instrument housings, aircraft and marine parts, etc.

Non-Sparking—tools: hammers, sledges, saws, wrenches, crowbars, picks, shovels, etc.

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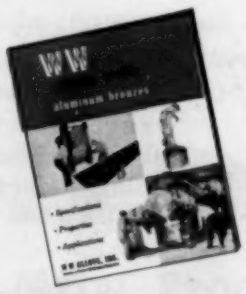

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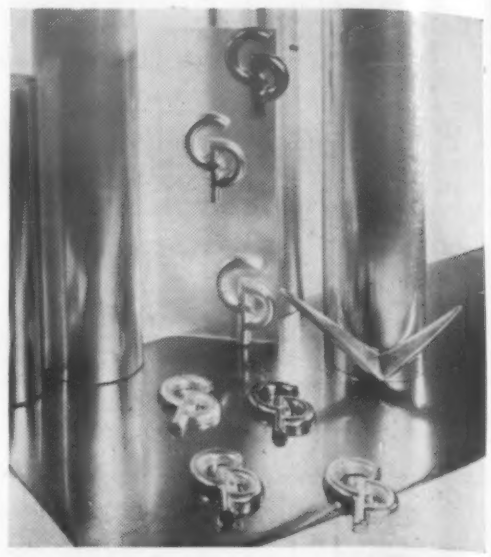

***Pearlescent** cast acrylic sheet used for nameplates and medallions.*

Mother-of-Pearl Acrylic Sheet

A pearlescent cast acrylic sheet, made by *Cadillac Plastic & Chemical Co.*, 15111 Second Ave., Detroit 3, is available in more than 20 jewelled and metallic colors in thicknesses from 0.080 to 0.250 in.

Natural mother-of-pearl is diffused through the acrylic sheet by a special casting process. The sheet, said to have exceptionally high luster and color penetration, is easily machined and formed without affecting the orientation of the pearl. It has excellent tensile and flexural strength, is shatter- and impact-resistant and dimensionally stable. It is also claimed to be an excellent thermal and dielectric insulator. Sheet sizes range from 12x48 in. to 36x48 in.

The material is expected to find application in automobile and refrigerator nameplates and medallions, emblems, appliance knobs and plaques.

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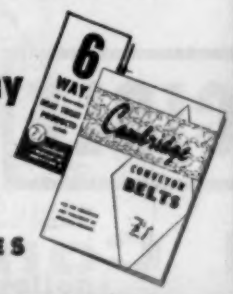

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Culver City, Calif. The film—Califilm—and the sheets—Kelon-F—are made of monochlorotrifluoroethylene, i.e., Kel-F and Fluorothene.

The "bondized" sheets and film can be cemented to steel, aluminum, wood, plastics, cardboard or rubber. They are said to be suitable for parts that encounter wear or corrosive conditions, such as tank liners and coverings, jigs and fixtures, pipe, ducts, valve facings and machine parts.

Califilm is available in thicknesses ranging from 0.005 to 0.015 in. and in widths up to 16 in. Kelon-F sheets, treated on one or both sides, are available in thicknesses ranging from 0.015 to 0.250 in.

Protective Coating Based on Neoprene

A neoprene base protective coating, developed by *Chemical Coatings & Engineering Co.*, Broomall, Pa., is reported to last a long time without losing its protective ability. Called Corrocote No. 362, it is said to have good adhesion to metal, concrete, wood and fabric.

According to the company, coatings can be exposed continuously at air temperatures up to 250 F and intermittently to 300 F. Films of 0.003-0.005 in. thickness per coat can be applied. Applications include pipe exteriors, tanks, power transmission shafts, air conditioning and ventilating equipment, electrical switch and terminal housings, wire, fans and impellers.

Cellulose Wadding for Packaging

A cellulose wadding, called Cel-Fibe, has been introduced by the *Cel-Fibe Div., Personal Products Corp.*, Milltown, N. J. Advantages

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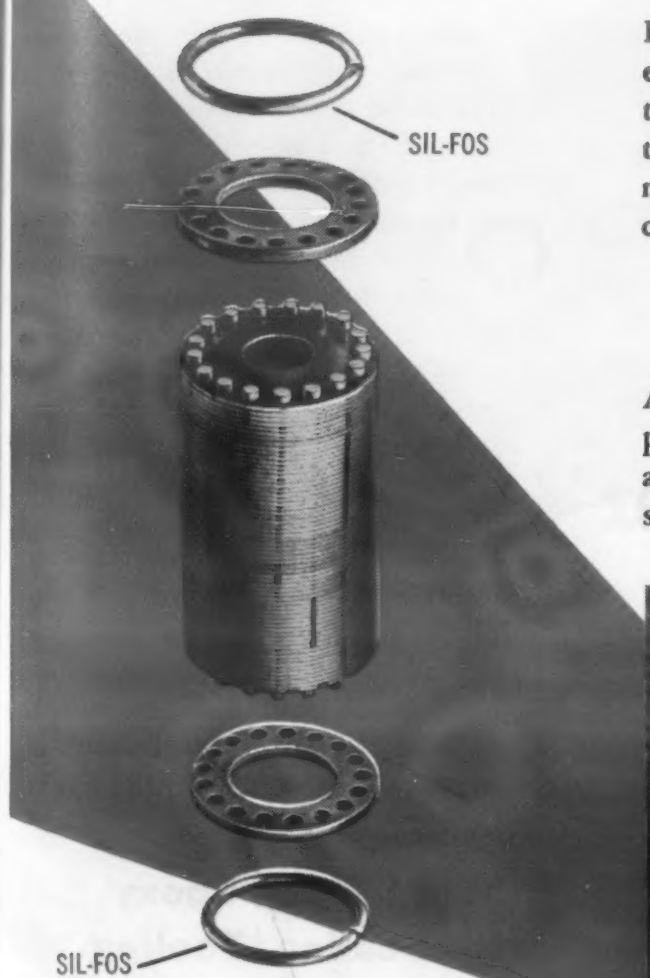
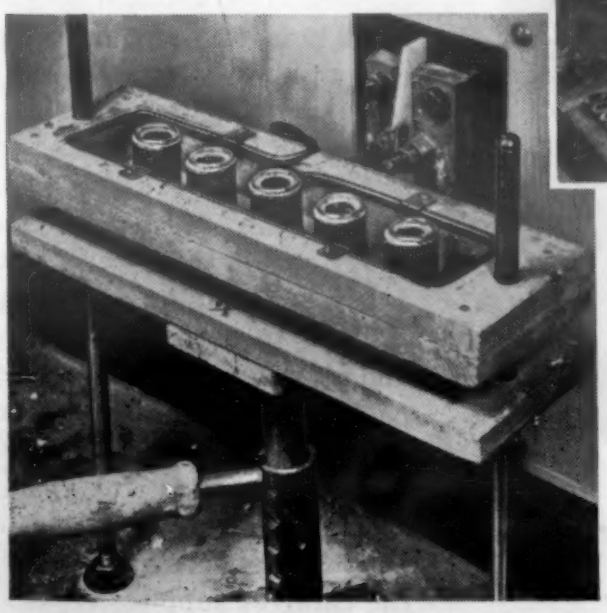
only 4 minutes to braze 5 rotors with SIL-FOS



For joining non-ferrous metals, SIL-FOS is tops in speed and economy. What's more, joints made with this remarkable low-temperature silver brazing alloy are tops in strength, in electrical conductivity and in corrosion-resistance. That's why so many electrical manufacturers use SIL-FOS for making both current-carrying and structural assemblies.

FOR EXAMPLE

Air Marine Motors, Inc., Amityville, New York — a top producer of sub-fractional hp a.c. motors — use SIL-FOS to assemble rotors. Illustrations show how they do it... with a setup that "automation-izes" the actual brazing.



Copper and brass end rings are induction brazed to copper pins extending through laminations. Parts are assembled on a 5-place fixture. Handy Flux is brushed on. A SIL-FOS ring is simply laid on top. Close-up shows fixture in brazing position.

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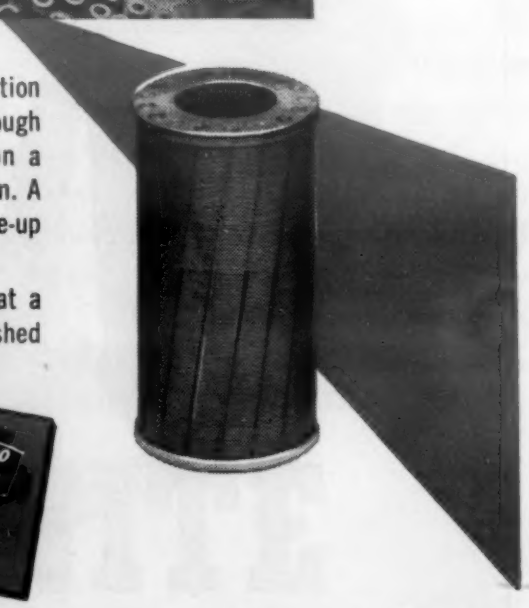

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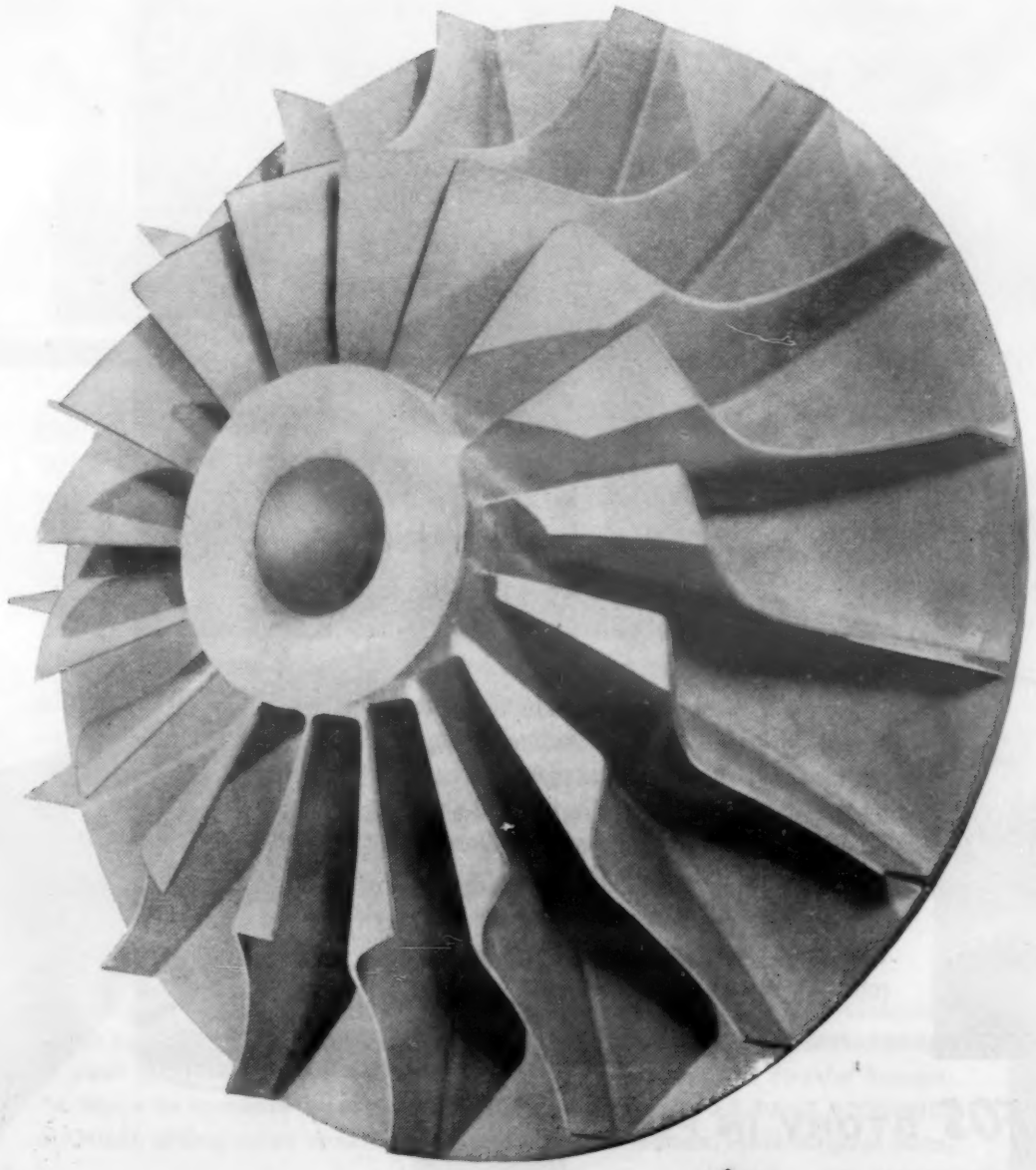

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claimed over wood fiber and textile materials include use of fewer wrapping materials and ease of handling. Cel-Fibe does not powder, dust or shred. It can be glued, die-cut, sliced, stitched, seamed and scrolled. Used as a packaging material it is laminated to corrugated board. Available in moisture-repellent or moisture-absorbent form, it insulates, cushions and divides multiple items inside a container. There is no mess in wrapping and unwrapping.

Cel-Fibe wadding, when made of a specially fusable fiber, can be electronically seamed in a dielectric welder. The wadding combined as filler betwen layers of one of several plastics or textiles produces a quilted fabric said to resist considerable wear and tear.

Metal-Filled Epoxy for Sealing, Tooling

A self-hardening plastic-metal compound is claimed to offer almost twice the volume per pound, compared to steel-filled epoxy compounds. Called Formex 77, it has been developed by *Travaco Laboratories*, 233 Condor St., East Boston 28, Mass. It combines epoxy and other resins with undisclosed metallic alloys and is claimed to exceed previous steel- and aluminum-filled epoxies in impact strength and ease of use.

Available in both liquid and nonsagging putty form, the compound has a controlled pot life of 3 to 90 min. When mixed with the catalyst supplied, it is said to harden in minutes, leaving a fine grain surface that sands and machines like soft gray iron. It takes a primer, lacquer or baked enamel and resists temperatures from —60 F to 350 F. It is waterproof and impervious to acids, oil, alkalies, solvents and other chemicals.

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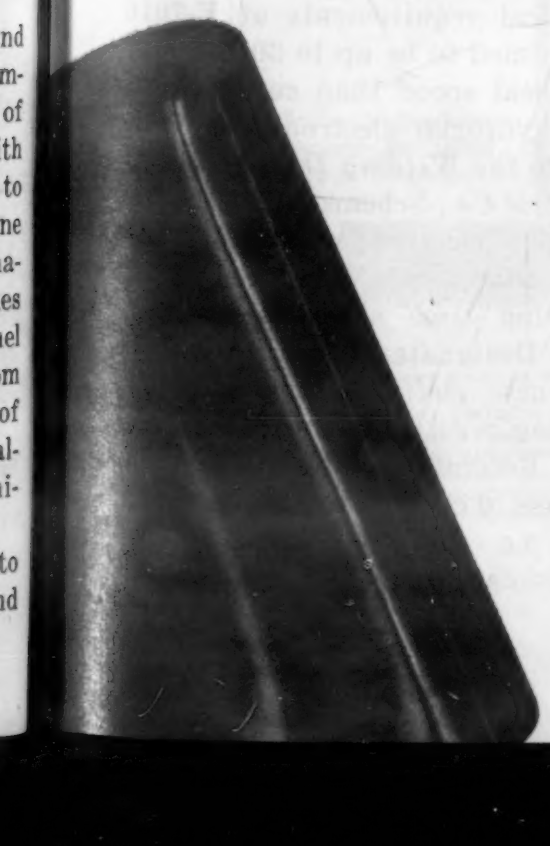

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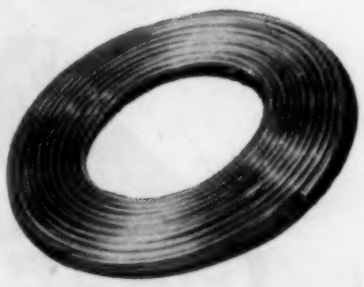

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Welding, Soldering and Joining Materials

Recent joining developments include welding electrodes having higher deposition rates, new paste-type solders and brazing alloys and prefabricated corners for weldments.

1. Iron powder electrode

Rocket 14, an iron powder type electrode, has been designed by *Hobart Brothers Co.*, Troy, Ohio, for a.c. and d.c. operation. The iron powder in the coating is said to permit welding at higher currents to increase deposition rates over those of conventional E-6014 type electrodes.

The arc is reported to be soft and stable in all positions and there is no tendency to stick on a.c. or d.c. Weld contour is easily controlled by arc length. The weld bead is smooth, the slag easily removed and there is little splatter.

The electrode is available in sizes ranging from 1/8 to 5/16-in.

2. Low hydrogen electrode

A powdered metal, low hydrogen electrode that meets the mechanical requirements of E-7016 is claimed to be up to 30% faster in lineal speed than conventional low hydrogen electrodes. According to the *Welding Dept., General Electric Co.*, Schenectady 5, N. Y., the new electrode offers a higher deposition rate, reduced slag cleaning time and less splatter loss. Designated Strikeasy LH-2 the new electrode has a heavy coating with powdered metal added. Recommended for use with reverse d.c., it can also be used with a.c.

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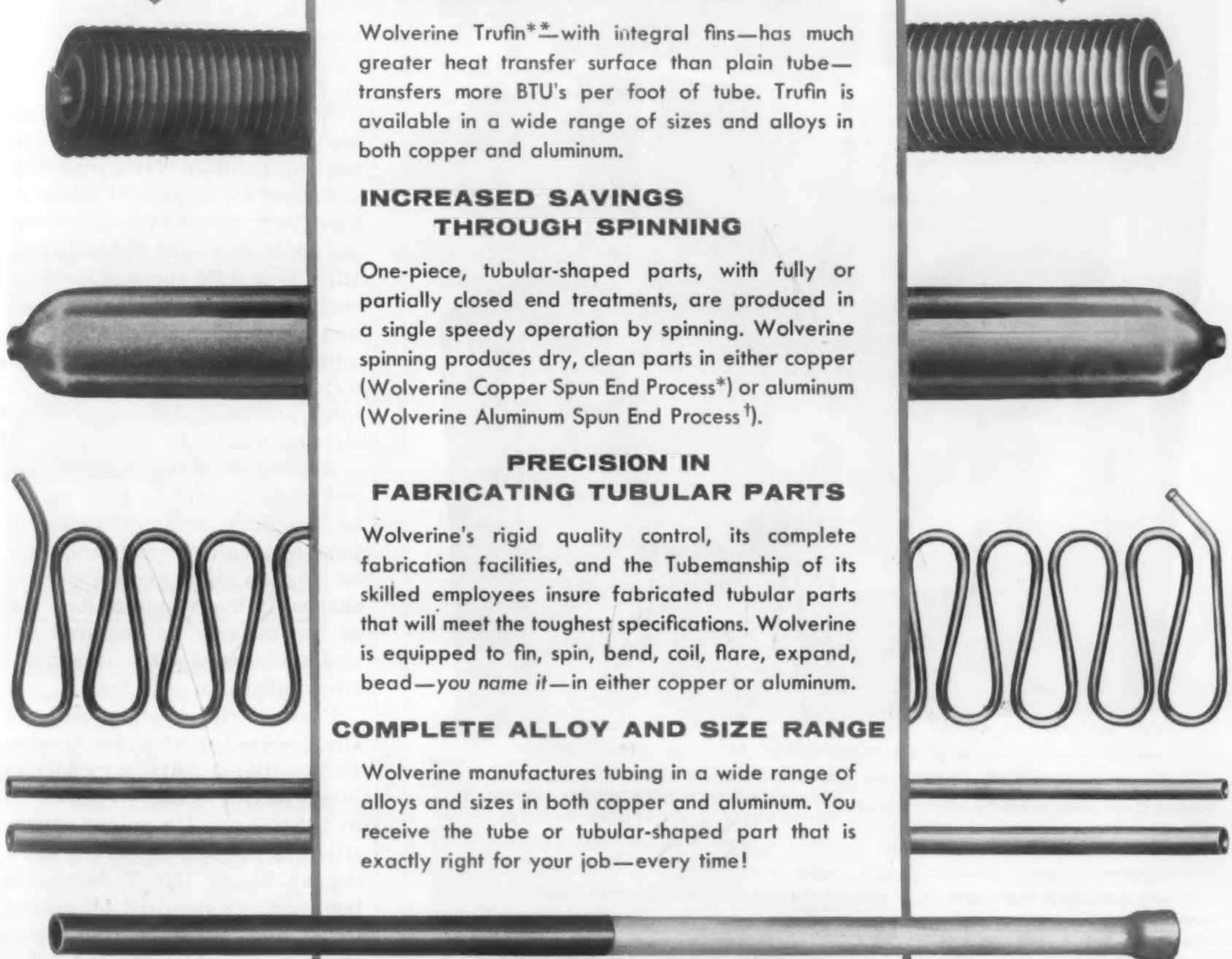

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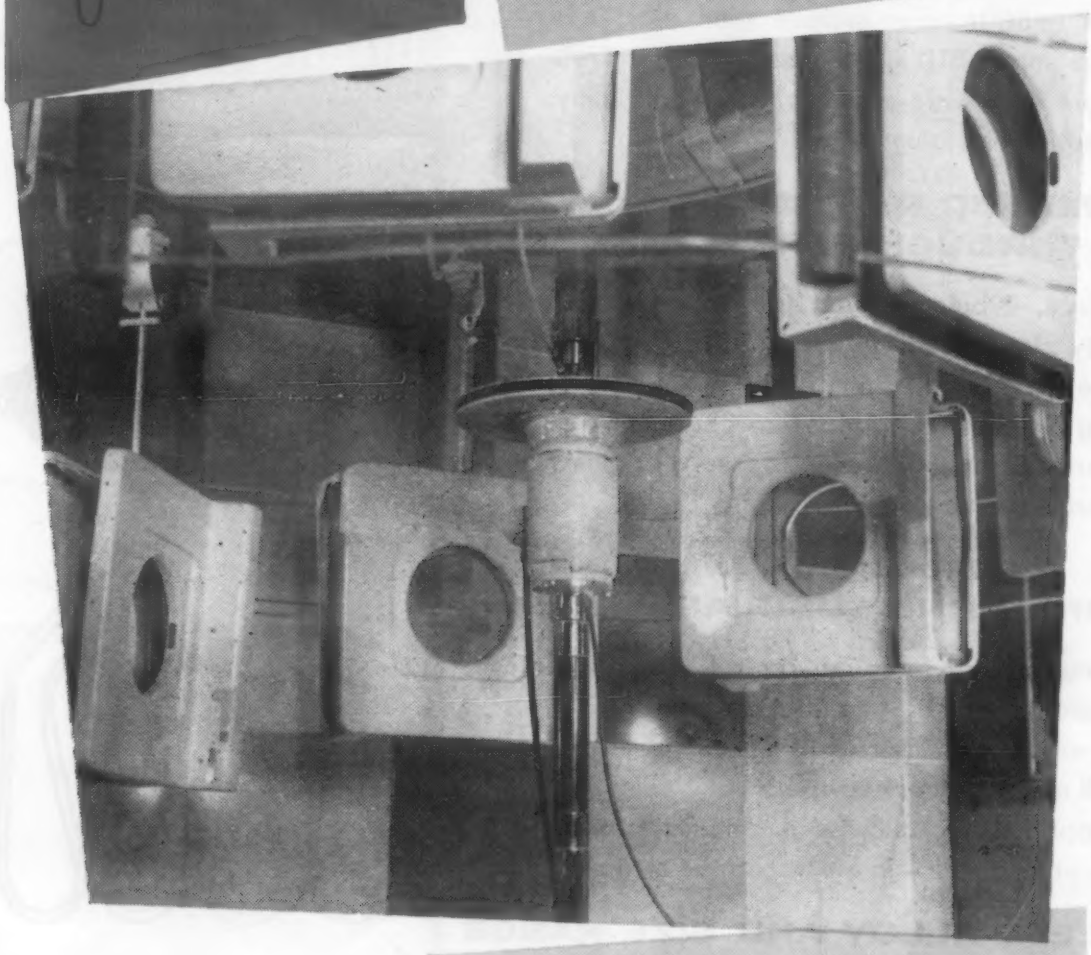

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weld deposit (as welded) is 80,000-83,000 psi, yield strength is 70,000-73,000 psi, and elongation in 2 in. is 34%. Impact tests indicate that the deposit undergoes a transition from ductile to brittle fracture below —40 F.

3. Paste brazing alloy

A high silver content alloy blended with special flux in convenient paint-on form has been developed by *Eutectic Welding Alloys Corp.*, 40-40 172d St., Flushing 58, N. Y. Called Eutec-SilWeld 1618, it is used for preplacement, tinning, filling, overlaying and joining on all metals except aluminum, magnesium and the white metals. It is said to be ideal for torch, furnace, induction or resistance heating.

Applied with brush or spatula, the paste is said to flow readily by capillary action, leaving no joint-weakening bare islands even on long lap joints and complicated shapes. In many applications, less of the material is required and would be needed with conventional silver alloys in rod form.

Particularly recommended for silver soldering or silver brazing, Eutec-SilWeld 1618 produces joints having shear strengths up to 125,000 psi. Its unique composition is claimed to permit bonding at 25 to 150 F below the temperatures required by conventional high silver bearing alloys. It meets specifications for AWS-ASTM-BAG-7.

4. Paste solder

A new paste solder, when heated, cleans, tins and solders in one operation, requiring only wiping with a damp cloth to complete the job. Developed by *Hercules Chemical Co.*, 416 Broadway, New York 13, and called Swif Solder 50-50, it is a tin-lead solder combined with an active flux. It can be applied with a brush or any standard applicator and heated with a soldering iron, a torch or in a production line oven.

Used in plumbing for several years, Swif Solder can be ap-

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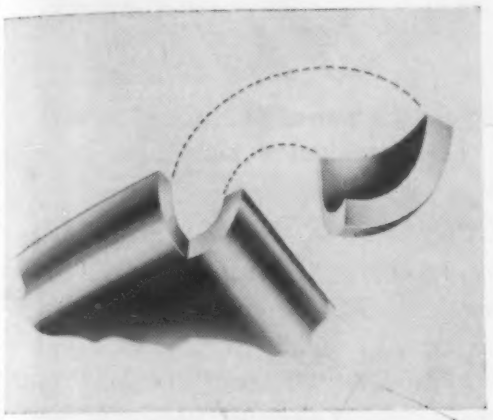
plied in fine lines or small spots wherever needed, even in difficult corner locations and sleeved joints. Joints are reported just as strong as ordinary soft solder joints.

5. 'Prefab' ball corners

Rounded prefabricated steel corners, designed by *Conner Steel Products*, 24690 Telegraph Rd., Detroit 19, are claimed to solve difficult forming problems in weldments requiring ball corners. They



Fluid lines, *greater safety possible with prefabricated spherical corners.*

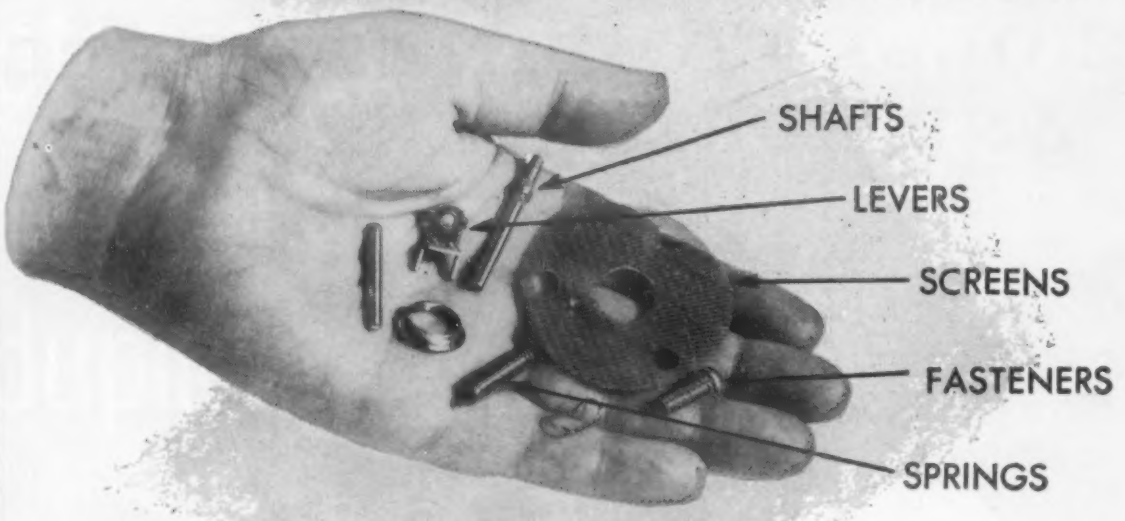
are used on machine base tops, drip pans, housings and panels. The four edges of the plate are notched and bent to a standard Conner radius; then the prefabricated corner is welded into place. Called Conner Spherical Corners, they are available in 1020 steel in thicknesses ranging from ⅛ to ½ in. and inside radii ranging from 1 to 2½ in.

Glass-Polyester Panel Resists Erosion

A glass fiber-reinforced polyester panel is claimed to last six times longer than ordinary translucent panels. Developed by *Corrulux Div., L-O-F Glass Fibers Co.*, P. O. Box 20026, Houston 25, Tex., the material is called Granitized Corrulux.

For test purposes, controlled sandblasting was used to simulate the effects of rain, sand and sleet erosion over a long period. The new panel withstood up to six times more sandblasting than

ARE *small* PARTS CAUSING YOUR PRODUCT FAILURES?



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Epoxy Resins Suitable for Surface Coatings

A series of epoxy resins for corrosion resistance coatings have been developed by *Bakelite Co., Div. of Union Carbide & Carbon Co.*, 260 Madison Ave., New York 16. These resins can be formulated into air drying or baking finishes for steel, aluminum, zinc, tin plate and wood. They can be applied by brushing, spraying, dipping, roller coating or flow coating.

Suggested applications include scuff resistant floor varnishes, indoor enamels, appliance coating primers and tank linings. Collapsible tube finishes, electrical insulation varnishes and masonry paints are other possible uses.

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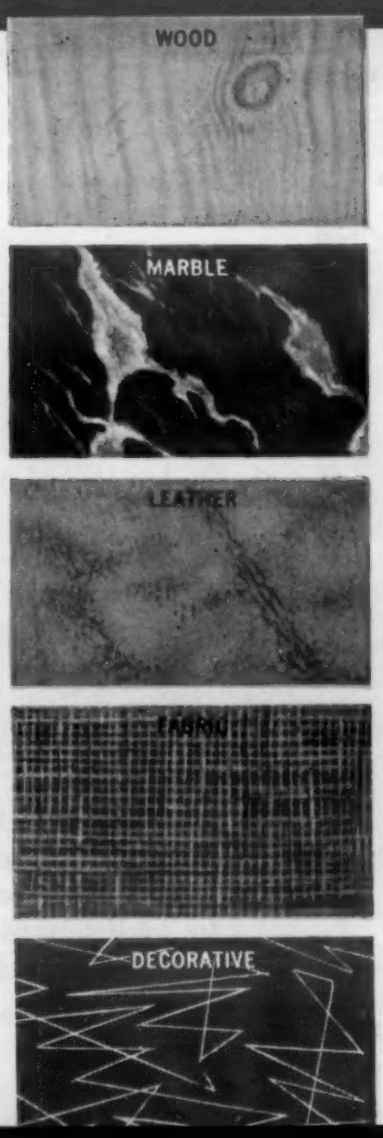

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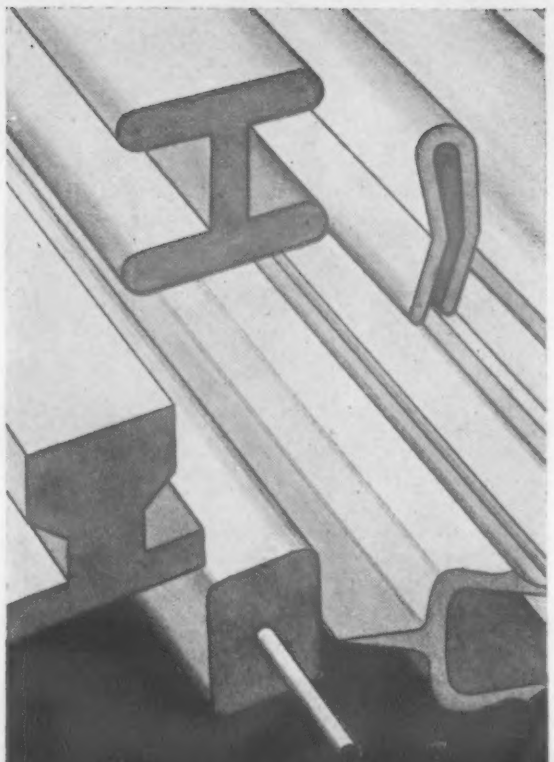

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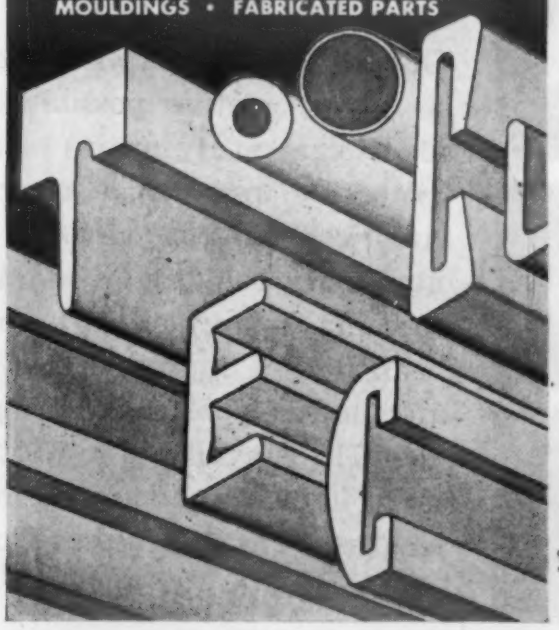

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are available: EKRA-2053, EKRD-2003 and EKRA-2002. All are condensation products of the reaction between epichlorohydrin and bis-phenol A. In general all of them have good compatibility with phenolic resins, urea-formaldehyde resins and simple rosin esters, but they are not generally compatible with alkyds and cellulose derivatives.

Oleoresinous coatings

EKRA-2053 is a solid, friable, pale-amber resin, designed primarily for esterification. It is cooked with vegetable oil acids to provide air drying and baking coatings said to have excellent adhesion, chemical resistance and impact resistance. Ketones, ether alcohols and esters are generally good solvents for the resin, whereas alcohols and aromatic hydrocarbons are poor ones. However, mixtures of aromatic hydrocarbons with ketones or certain alcohols are good solvents.

EKRD-2003 is similar in every way to EKRA-2053, except that in short-oil varnishes it yields vehicles of somewhat higher viscosity for the same solids and cooking time.

Synthetic coatings

EKRA-2002 is also a solid, friable, crystal-clear, pale-amber resin for air drying and baking coatings. Lower melting and lower in molecular weight than EKRA-2053 and EKRD-2003, it is intended primarily to be reacted with hardeners or curing agents, such as amines, polyamides and urea-formaldehyde resins. This resin can also be esterified with vegetable oil acids and will undergo all other reactions common to epoxy resins.

EKRA-2002 is generally applied from solution. A mixture of 25% methyl isobutyl ketone and 75% toluene is reported to be satisfactory for most uses.

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New "gun" sprays hi-temperature ceramic coatings at high speed with high deposit efficiency

The unique characteristics of ceramic coatings as heat insulators and their resistance to abrasion has led many designers to investigate possible applications for these materials. However, their actual use has been severely limited because of the high cost of application with previously available spraying equipment.

Now with the new METCO THERMOSPRAY GUN these materials can be applied many times faster than was previously possible and deposit efficiency is in excess of 95%, making the use of these coatings economically feasible.

These high spraying speeds and deposit efficiencies are made possible by entirely new design concepts which result in the excellent thermal efficiency of the METCO Type P THERMOSPRAY GUN as well as the specially developed and carefully controlled characteristics of the THERMOSPRAY Ceramic Powders.

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as a 75% solution in toluene. Designated EKSA-2002, this resin solution offers a wide variety of formulating possibilities; a 50% solids solution may contain one-third toluene and two-thirds of any other solvent desired.

Improved Phenolic Molding Powder

An improved black phenolic molding compound has been announced by the *Chemical Materials Dept., General Electric Co.*, Pittsfield, Mass. Designated G-E 12906, it is said to have an Izod impact range of 0.40 to 0.44 and to offer distinct advantages over previously available improved impact compounds.

AVERAGE PROPERTIES OF G-E 12906 MOLDINGS

Izod impact, ft-lb/in. of notch	0.42
Flexural strength, psi	10,000
Modulus in flexure, psi	$1x10^6$
Tensile strength, psi	6000
Compressive strength, psi	25,000
Specific gravity	1.36
Water absorption, % in 48 hr	0.8
Shrinkage, mils/in.	6.5
Hardness, Rockwell M	96
Heat distortion point, F	300
Dielectric strength:	
60 cps, 77 F, short time, v/mil	325
60 cps, 212 F, short time, v/mil	90
Power factor:	
60 cycles—dry	0.25
1000 kc—dry	0.053
Dielectric constant:	
60 cycles—dry	10.0
1000 kc—dry	6.0
Volume resistivity, ohm cm units	$2x10^{11}$
Insulation resistance, megohms	$7x10^4$

Despite its higher impact properties, G-E 12906 is reported to be suitable for automatic molding processes, due to its granulation and fast curing properties. Other advantages include uniform pill weight and excellent preformability in tableting machines. Filled with wood-flour and cotton-flock, the compound is said to produce molded parts with finish superior to conventional improved impact

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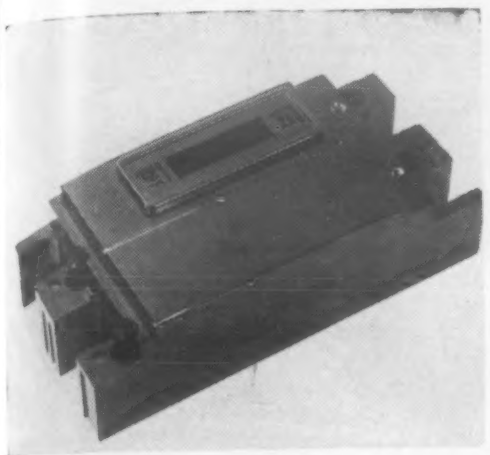

***Circuit-breaker** cover is made of a new phenolic molding compound, said to pour faster and give faster cure.*

materials, with or without preheat.

Successful applications have included switch parts, electrical sockets, other electrical control parts and various other molded parts.

Liquid Rubber Coating

A liquid rubber coating that prevents corrosion by acids or alkalies in tanks or other types of equipment has been developed by *Rubba, Inc.*, 1015 E. 173rd St., New York 60. Called Rubbakote, the coating seals small leaks by forming a continuous rubber film. Applied by brush or spray, the coating is self-vulcanizing, requires no mixing and adheres to metal and wood. It is available in black, red and aluminum. A good coating is claimed to withstand five to ten years of use.

PVC Pipe Has High Bursting Strength

A rigid pipe extruded of high strength polyvinyl chloride is claimed to offer an unusual combination of chemical resistance, high bursting strength and toughness. Made by *American Hard Rubber Co.*, 93 Worth St., New York 13, it is called Riviclor. The unplasticized PVC material has an Izod impact strength as high as 2.5 ft-lb. The glossy in-

Hi-temperature sprayed ceramic coatings now economically practical

Open new possibilities for the design engineer

Development of the new METCO THERMOSPRAY GUN for spraying high-melting-point ceramic materials at low cost opens up a variety of new practical applications for the design engineer, particularly in the protection of equipment against high temperatures and abrasion.

Immediately available for use in such production applications are two THERMOSPRAY Ceramic Powders. No. 101 is a free-flowing alumina with excellent hardness and resistance to many types of abrasion. Melting point is 3700°F. and particle hardness is 9.0 on the Moh scale. Color of this material as sprayed is a light grey. Second THERMOSPRAY Powder is No. 201—a zirconia, somewhat softer than No. 101 but with superior heat-insulating properties. Melting point 4600°F. and particle hardness 8.0 on the Moh scale. Color—tan-brown.

Both of these materials may be sprayed with the new THERMOSPRAY equipment many times faster (up to 15 sq. ft. per hr.—.010" thick) than has been possible for equipment previously available and deposit efficiencies are in excess of 95%. These factors produce extremely low coating costs and make coatings of this type economically feasible.

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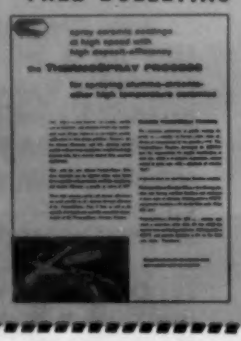

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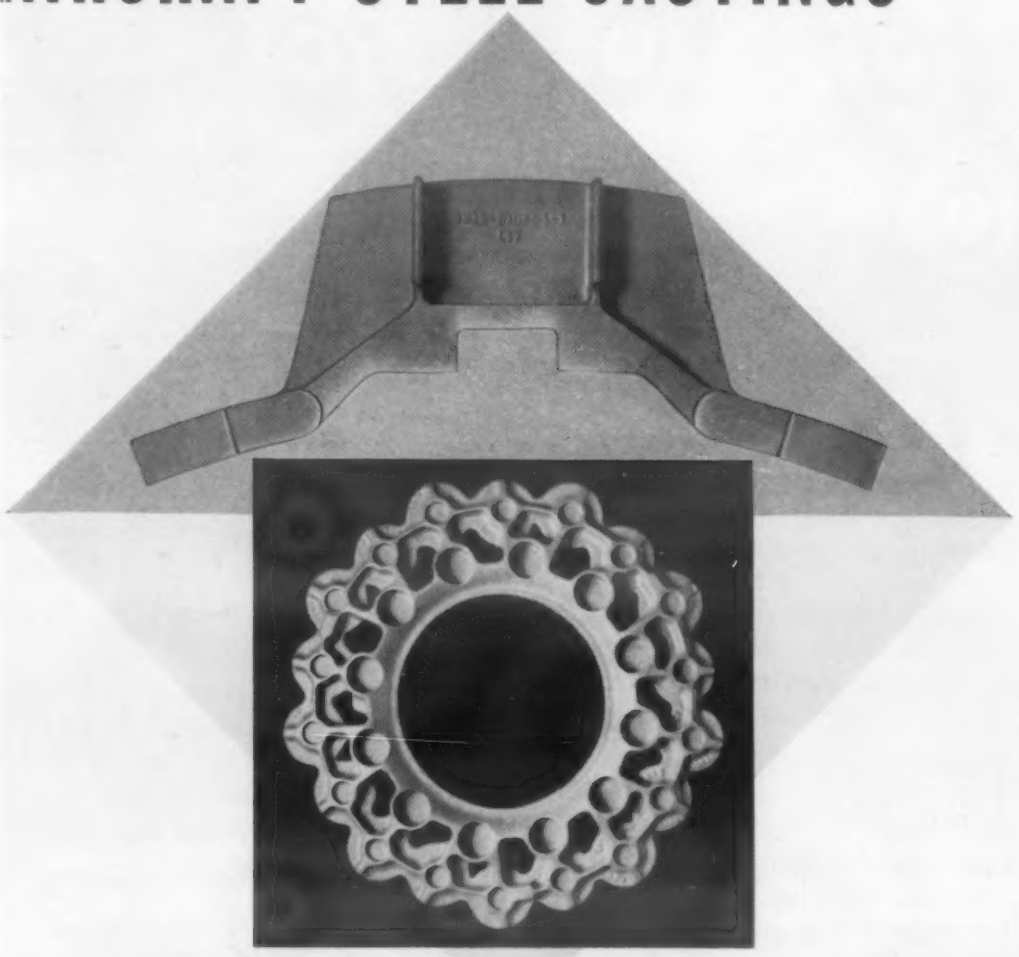

...the BENDIX 149543. This backing plate for the Bendix disc-type aviation brake was previously fabricated in light alloy materials. When increased heat and stresses made it mandatory to change to steel, Lebanon was given the assignment. Backing plates were redesigned as cast steel parts and are now in quantity production at Lebanon.

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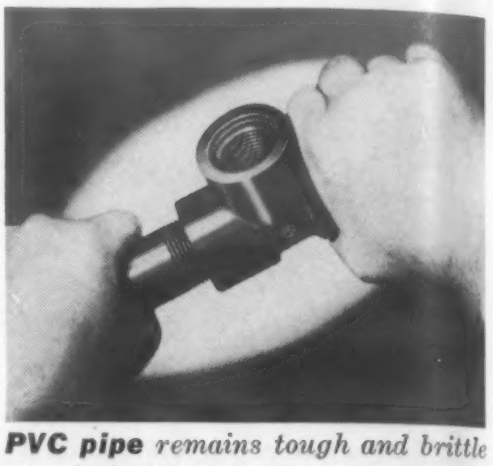


***PVC pipe** remains tough and brittle at relatively low temperatures.*

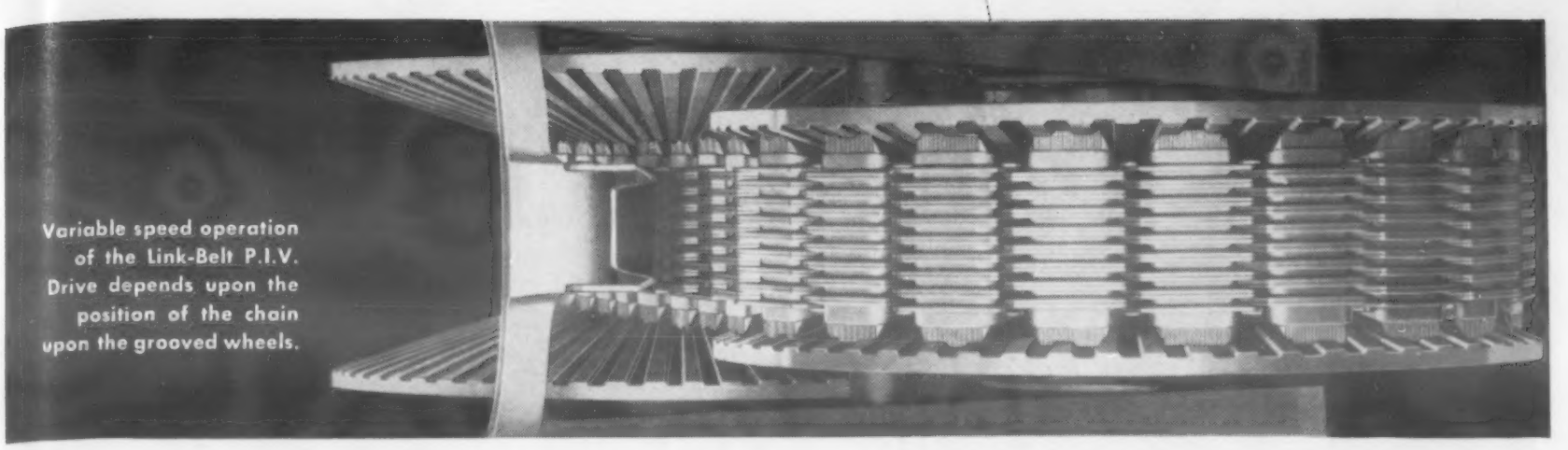
side surface of the pipe is reported to reduce head loss and permit greater flow than the equivalent size of steel pipe.

Pipe and fittings are available in ½ to 2-in. standard or extra heavy wall construction. At 70 F, working pressure of the ½-in. extra heavy pipe is 490 psi and that of the 2-in. extra heavy pipe is 255 psi. Though recommended maximum pressure decreases as temperature goes up, the pipe will retain rigidity at temperatures up to 160 F under most conditions.

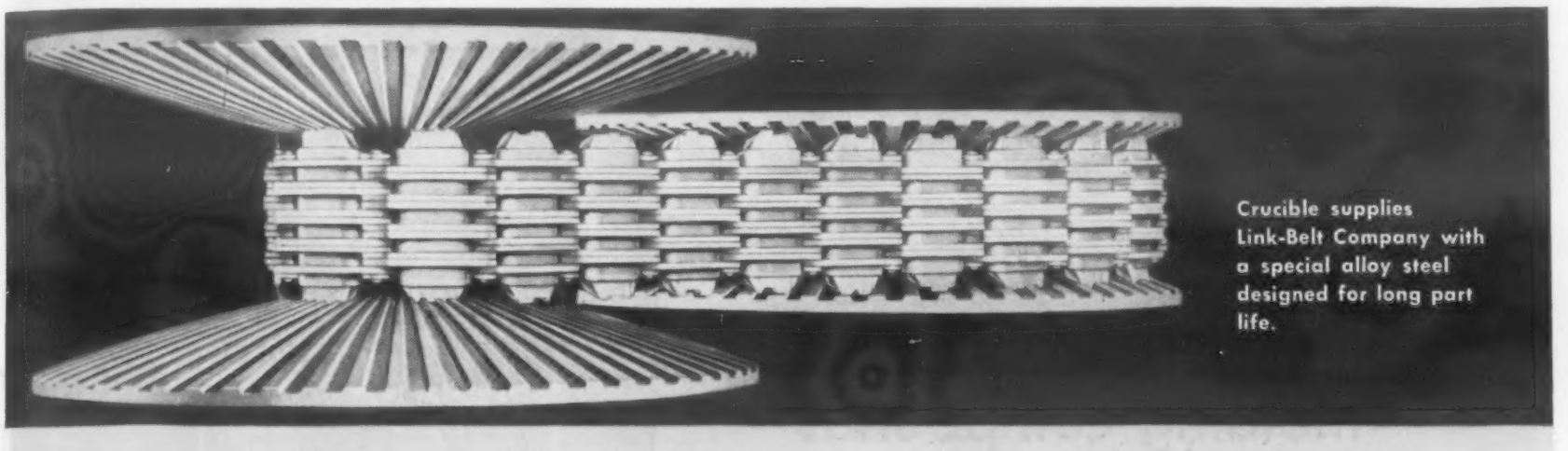
High Boiling Lacquer Solvent

Ethyl amyl ketone, a high boiling lacquer solvent, is now available in unlimited tankcar quantities from *Shell Chemical Corp.*, 50 W. 50th St., New York 20. It is reported to be a better solvent for nitrocellulose than any other high boiling lacquer solvent commonly used. EAK is said to provide excellent blush resistance and diluent tolerance with high solvency for coating materials. It may be used for both nitrocellulose and vinyl coatings.

The solvent is colorless and stable with a mild, pleasant odor. Its applications include automobile lacquers, furniture lacquers, industrial maintenance vinyl coatings and silk screen printing lacquers.



Variable speed operation of the Link-Belt P.I.V. Drive depends upon the position of the chain upon the grooved wheels.



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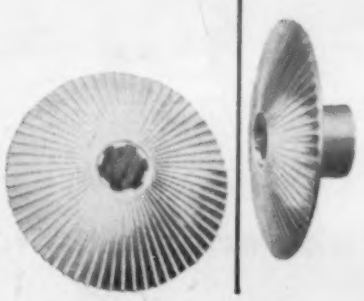

Keeping production operations going at the right speed is the job of this variable speed drive unit produced by Link-Belt Company. Its operation is based on an exclusive drive chain with self-forming metal teeth, which engage with radial grooves in two pairs of cone-shaped wheels.

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Sulfidizing Metals for Wear Resistance

Russian journals have reported considerable work recently on use of sulfidizing treatments to improve wear resistance of machine parts and cutting tools. Difficulties in its use evidently stem from lack of information as to the nature of the process, and inadequate control. Developments in one factory were reported in the February issue of *Vestnik Mashinostroyeniya* by I. M. Engalychev and P. I. Zemskov.

The authors compared a porous sulfide treatment with various other types of coatings, such as tin plating, chromium plating, oxide coating and phosphating. They treated cast iron piston rings. For this "soft" coating, aqueous sulfidizing baths, analogous to oxidizing or phosphating were used. Although the porous, sulfidized layer was rapidly worn away during testing, its use seemed to guarantee good run-in properties, either dry or with insufficient lubrication.

EFFECT OF SULFIDIZING CAST IRON PISTON RINGS

Lubrication	Surface Treatment	Moment of Friction, kg-cm	
		30 kg Test Load	120 kg Test Load
None	None	30-35	.....
None	Sulfidized	4-5	.....
Limited	None	8-10	26-30
Limited	Sulfidized	3-3.5	12-14

Porous coatings did not penetrate into the surface of the metal. In order to obtain penetration, water-free salt baths were used. Laboratory results shown in the accompanying table indicate the potential of the process. In service, sulfidized rings showed more wear than chromium plated rings, slightly more than tin plated rings, less than phosphated rings and several times less than uncoated rings.

Various salt baths were tried for high speed steel cutting tools. Two of the baths increased life of twist drills by 1.5 to 2 times. All the data gathered indicate that sulfidizing increases wear resistance and improves run-in properties of bearing surfaces.

Powder Metallurgists Discuss Progress

Eleven papers and a panel discussion featured the 12th annual meeting of the Metal Powder Assn. held in Cleveland during April. Although major attention was devoted to progress in the application of metal powder parts, several new materials and process developments were covered also.

Of particular interest was a paper by J. P. Lyle, Jr., of Alcoa, on aluminum powder metallurgy products. This paper (see M&M, Apr '56, p 106) discussed the properties and applications of two grades of material, produced from aluminum oxide-coated aluminum powder, that are now in semi-commercial production. Properties of age hardenable brass powder alloys and ceramic-metal friction materials were also discussed; these materials are still in the laboratory stage.

Progress in the application of metal powder parts in a number of industries was discussed in a series of six papers. Subjects covered were: applications in nuclear engineering, business machines, and the electrical and electronic industries; the use of heavy metal; and replacement of castings by metal powder parts.

Brief summaries of some of these papers follow. The complete

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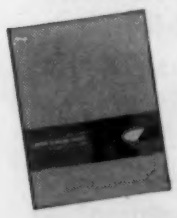

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papers will be published by the Association in the near future.

Age hardenable brass

Brass powder parts of conventional composition have established a firm position in the powder metallurgy field. These parts are suitable for a wide range of applications, but the development of stronger materials will lead to broadening the field of application of brass parts.

E. A. Anderson and E. H. Rennhack, of New Jersey Zinc, reported that, although use of nickel phosphide for age hardening wrought copper base alloys is not new, adaptation to the metal powder process requires a number of changes. It is not possible to prealloy the phosphorus with brass or copper powder for the production of parts. Instead, the phosphorus must be added as a compound, copper phosphide for example, and diffusion during sintering must be relied on to produce the desired composition. Therefore, important deviations in composition are necessary to obtain optimum properties; in particular, substantially higher ratios of phosphorus to nickel are required.

With suitable adjustments of the phosphorus content, alloys containing up to 10% nickel can be made. However, the most practical alloy of this type contains about 1.5% nickel. The improvement obtainable by nickel phosphide additions is indicated by a comparison of the properties of a leaded 80-20 brass with those of a nickel-phosphide modification of the same alloy. The tensile strength of the modified alloy ranges from 43,000 to 48,000 psi compared with 30,000 psi for the standard alloy, Brinell hardness increased from 43 to 67, elongation from 20 to 29%.

Similar improvement in properties is obtained by substituting iron for part of the nickel. The major disadvantage of the new alloys is color. Since color is frequently one of the deciding factors in the selection of brass, the gray-yellow color of these new alloys may place some limits on their applications.

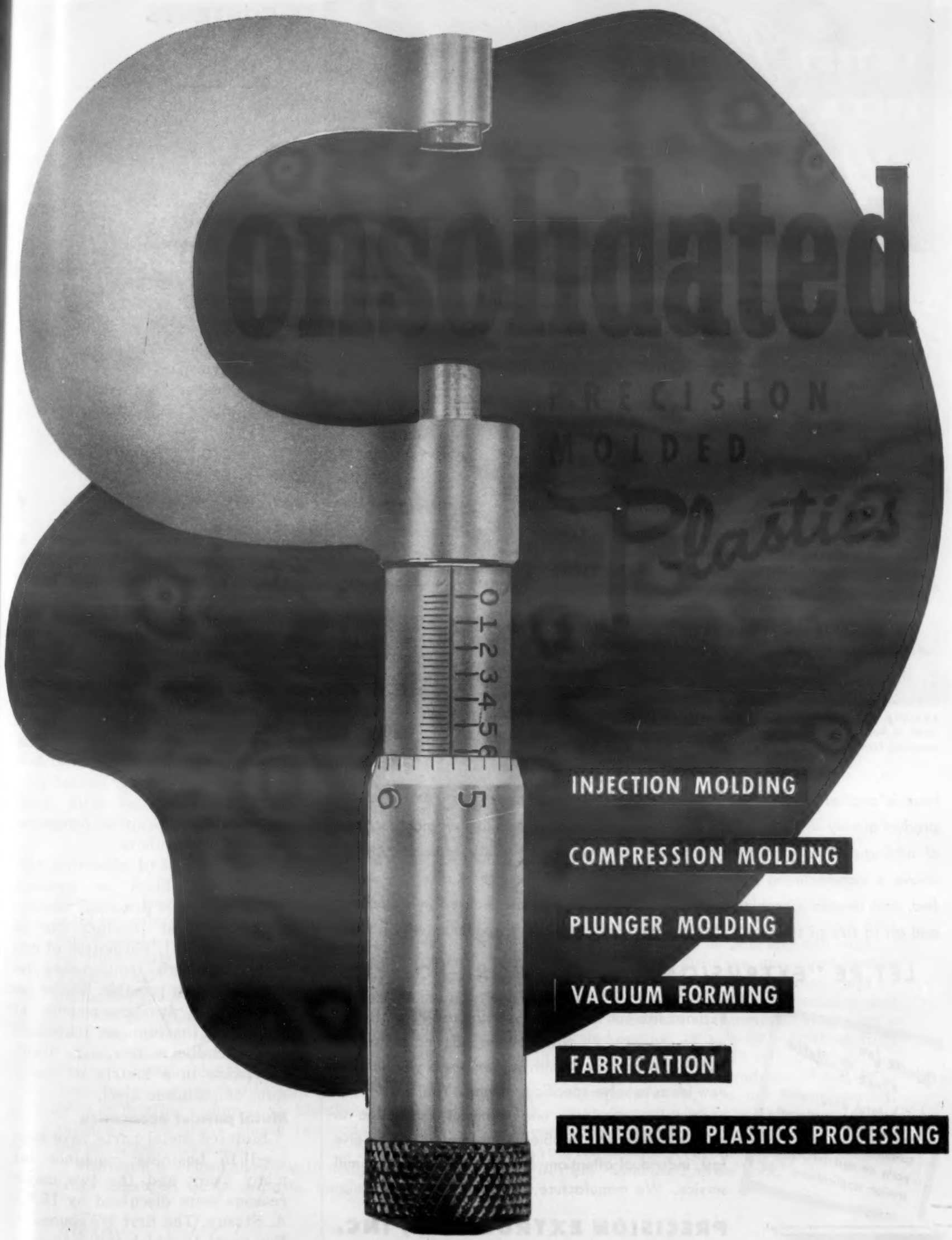
A valuable attribute of nickel phosphide hardened alloys is the fact that precipitation sufficient to give the desired hardness occurs while the parts are cooling at the exit end of the sintering furnace, thereby eliminating the necessity for subsequent heat treatment of the parts.

Ceramic-metal materials

Increased weight and landing speeds of aircraft, higher speeds of passenger automobiles and greater operating capacity of heavy industrial equipment place a heavy burden on friction materials serving in either brake or clutch applications. The high energies involved in these applications produce higher temperatures than have been encountered previously. Consequently, conventional frictional materials are being damaged or destroyed, and lining materials are needed that will function at higher temperatures. Because of their refractory nature, ceramic metal combinations have been investigated.

Ceramic-metal linings are not new, but the ceramic constituent was a minor portion of the earlier mixtures. L. D. Hower, Jr., and R. E. Steck, of Raybestos-Manhattan, described new types developed for clutch applications that contain appreciable quantities of ceramic materials. One, termed ceramic-modified metal, has a continuous metal phase; the other, termed metal-modified ceramic, has a continuous ceramic phase with metal as the minor phase. The metal-modified ceramic can operate at higher temperature than the ceramic-modified metal.

Experimental work has indicated that clutch facings in button form made from these new materials and having a friction area of only 25 to 40% of the area normally employed are producing a higher torque output



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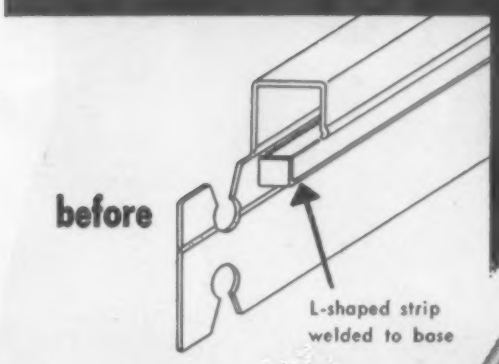

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L-shaped strip welded to base

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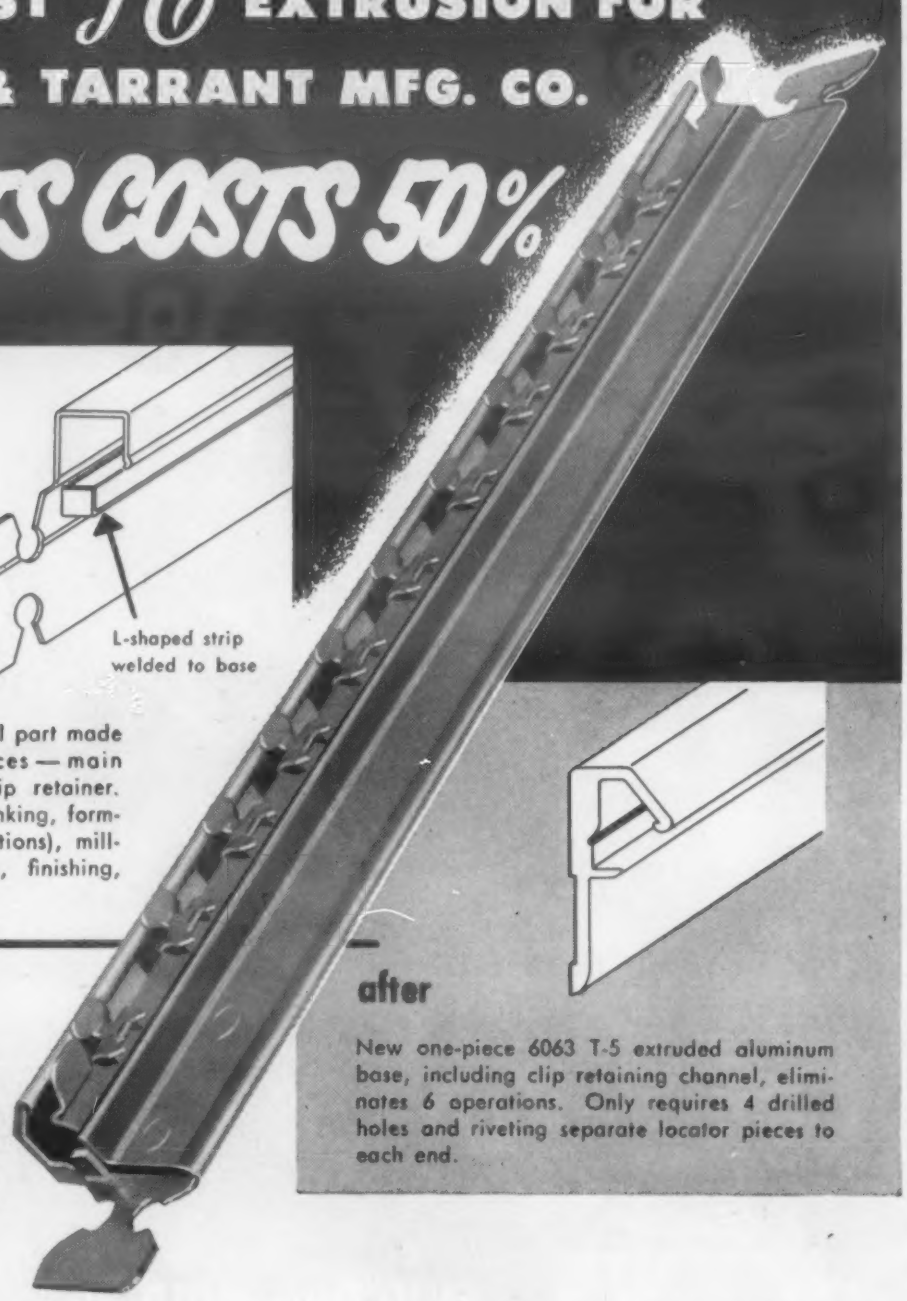

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than normal facings, and that wear life has been increased two to four times. Field tests are giving similar indications.

Nuclear engineering uses

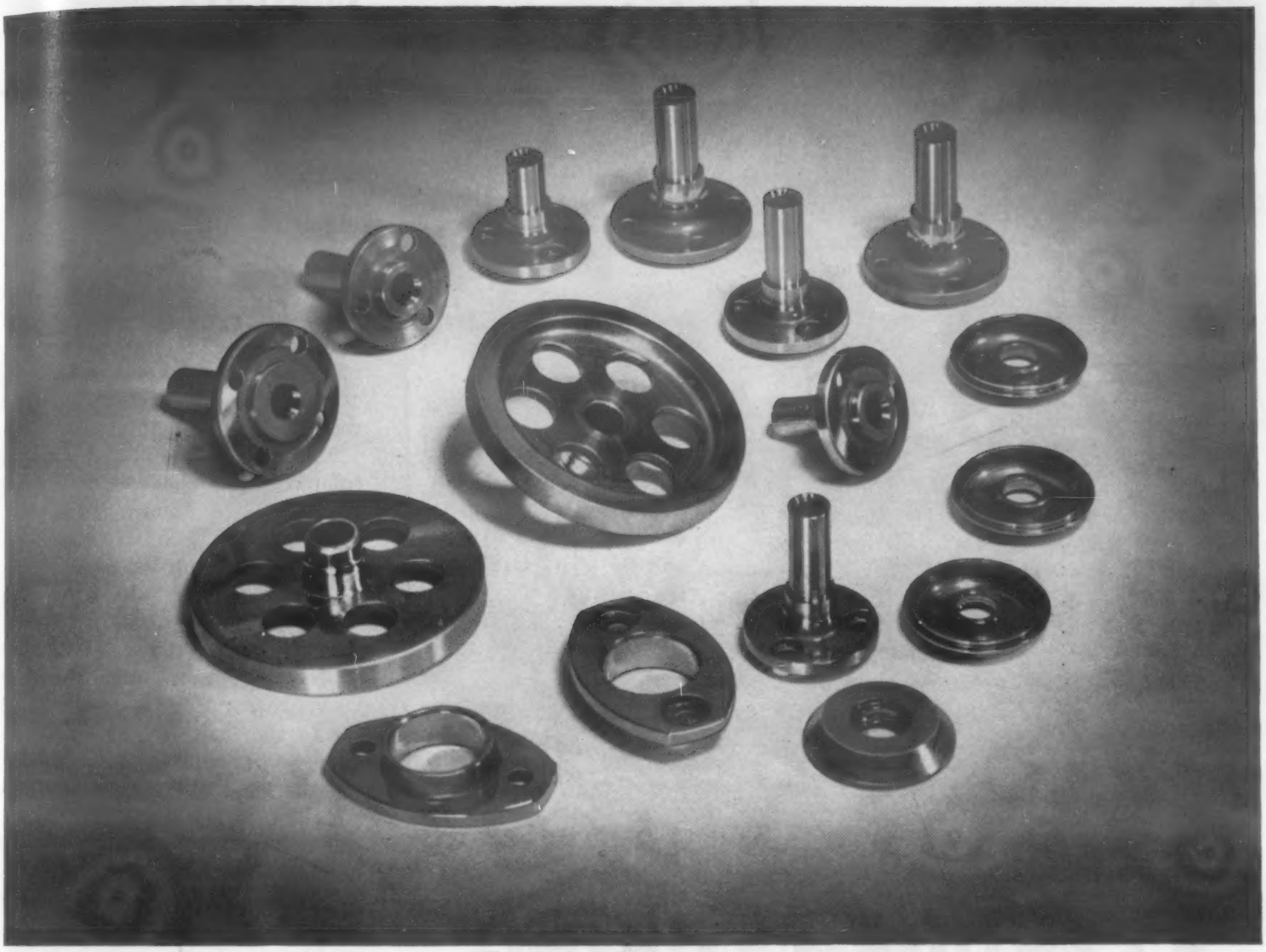
Many of the metallurgical problems in nuclear engineering are new because they involve effects not investigated previously and materials which were laboratory curiosities only a few years ago. Among these materials are uranium and thorium for fuel, beryllium for moderating purposes, and zirconium as a fuel component and construction material.

The properties and applications of these metals in powder form were discussed by H. H. Hausner, of Penn-Texas Corp. All four require extreme care in handling in powder form. Although solid beryllium is not dangerous, beryllium powder is extremely toxic. Zirconium powder is not toxic but is highly pyrophoric. Uranium and thorium powders are pyrophoric and highly toxic. Thus, these metals require special handling and the worker cannot come into direct contact with them. However, they can be compacted in special chambers.

Best method of obtaining high density beryllium or uranium compacts is hot pressing, whereas zirconium and thorium can be cold compacted. Formation of cermets for high temperature reactors is also possible. Under investigation are compounds of uranium, thorium or plutonium in a metallic matrix, e.g., uranium oxide in a matrix of aluminum or stainless steel.

Metal powder economics

Sintered metal parts have been used in business machines for many years and the two major reasons were discussed by IBM's A. Stosuy. The first is economics. For parts to which the process is applicable, the cost of producing precision shapes compares favorably with the cost of any other method of fabrication with the exception of simple stampings



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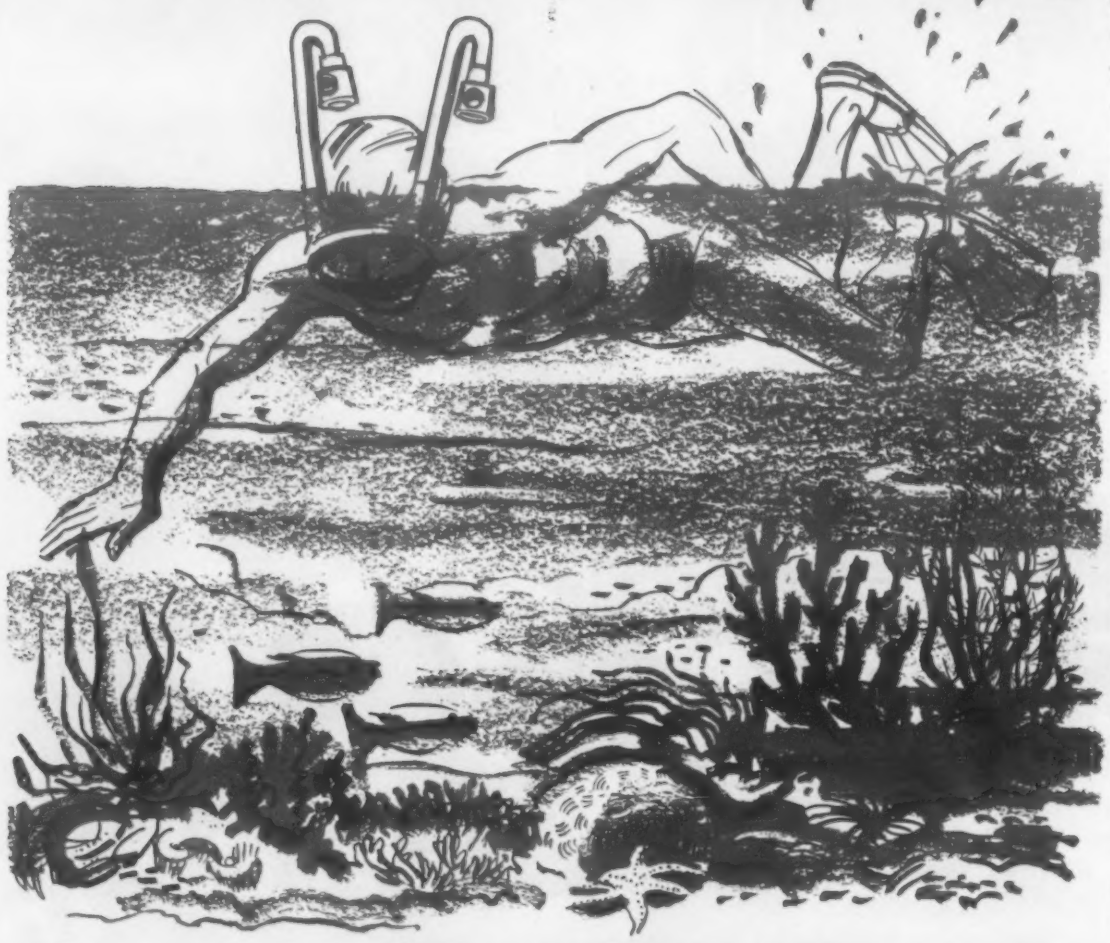

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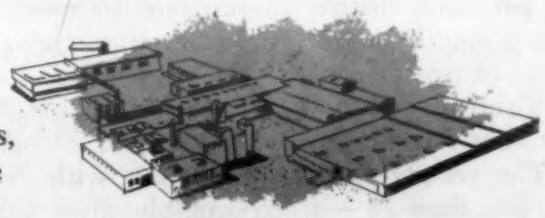

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and screw machine parts. The second is machine improvement through the use of unique properties of sintered metal. Friction clutches, self-lubricating bearings, carbide wear-resisting parts, and contact points fall within this category. Various specific parts were discussed in the paper.

Mr. Stosuy pointed out that his company purchased most metal powder parts from outside suppliers but ran a captive plant also for the following reasons:

1. Commercial fabricators are not interested in producing short runs. A captive plant can tool for as few as 300 to 1000 parts per year, providing the tools are stored for further use.

2. Some parts require exceptionally close tolerances, and commercial fabricators cannot afford to employ the extremely close supervision necessary to meet the requirements. A captive plant can assign technicians to follow the production closely enough to obtain the critical tolerances necessary.

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Design experience inherited by engineers and designers from work with conventional engineering materials has allowed a relatively simple transition to design with opaque plastics. When designing with transparent plastics, however, the engineer or designer finds that experience passed down from work with pressed and cut glass, gem stones and older transparent sheet materials does not go far enough to allow confident design. The back surface of the material becomes more important

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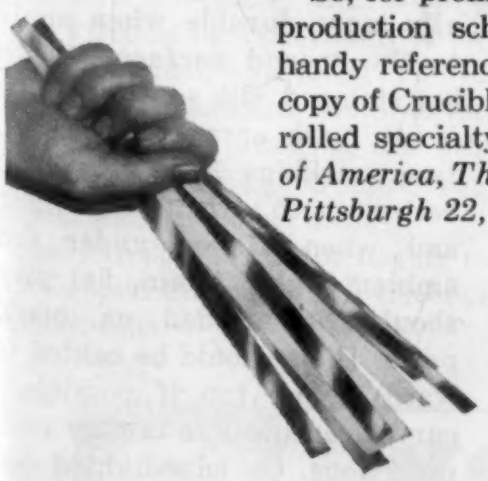

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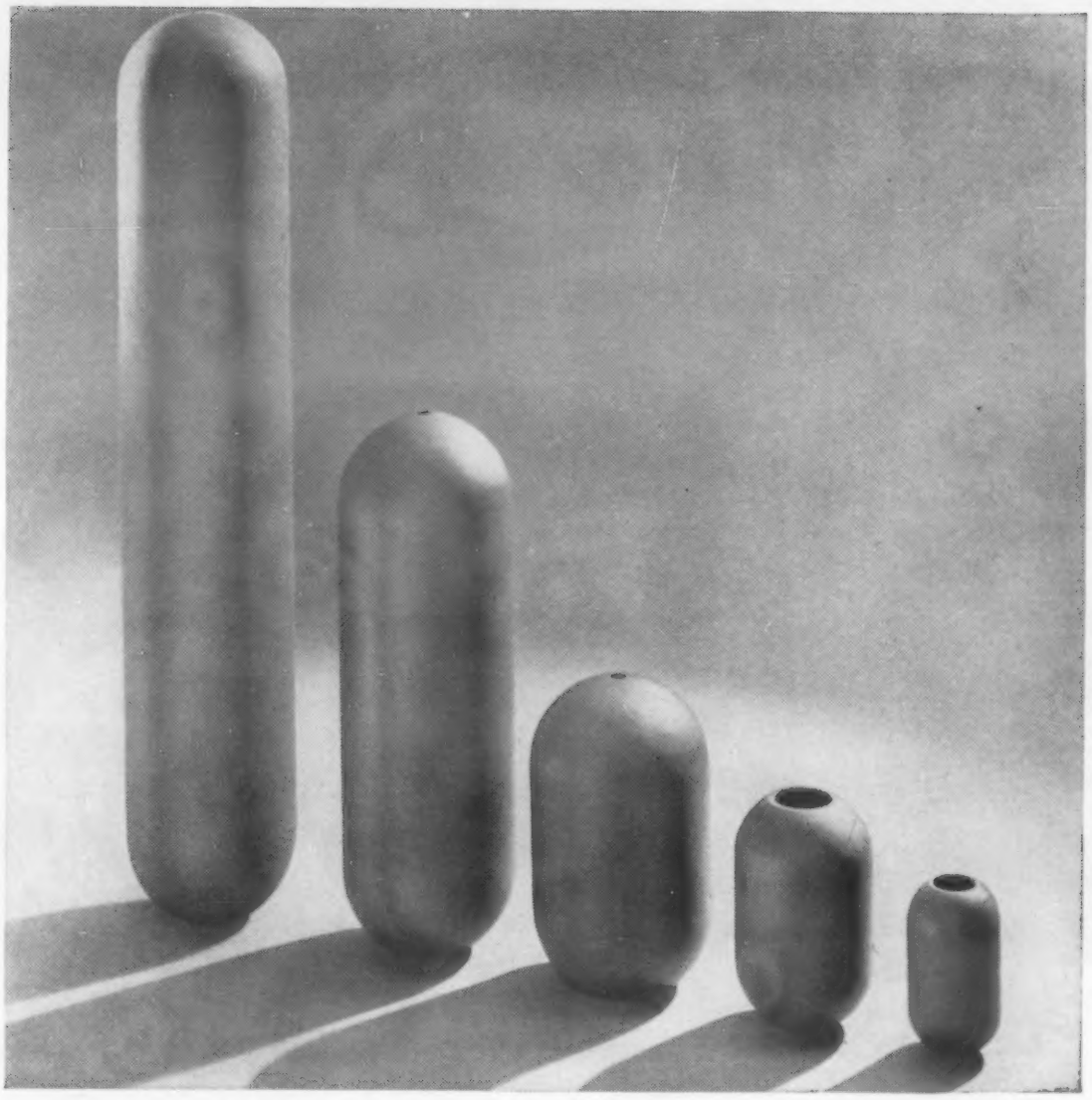

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than the front, in many cases, and concealment of fasteners and related components behind the part raises tricky problems.

In a paper delivered at the 12th Technical Conference of the Society of Plastics Engineers and published in February's *SPE Journal*, A. M. Blumenfeld, of Rohm and Haas Co., discusses some basic design factors that should be considered in working with transparent plastics.

1. Avoid use of flat planes wherever possible. Even the slightest crown or curvature will substantially help to overcome erratic first-surface reflections resulting from faults in the finish. Avoiding flatness is particularly important where areas of the second surface are metallized. A flat mirrored surface shows every flaw, whereas a very slightly crowned mirrored surface reflects only a band of light.

2. Avoid sudden changes in first surface plane. Sudden changes of plane create lensatic or prismatic distortions of vision throughout the part. External corners should be as generously and gradually rounded as the designer can make them. The second surface is the place to express crispness of design by breaking up the area into contrasts of texture, color and form. In other words, style the second surface, not the first.

3. Dial markings or other copy on transparent parts are generally more durable when applied to the second surface. Whether hot stamped, silk screened, wiped-in or mask sprayed, second-surface markings tend to show up better, both when edge-lighted and when viewed under front ambient light. Again, flat planes should be avoided on marked parts. Dials should be canted forward at the top if possible, or curved concavely to further reduce reflections. On edge-lighted dials, a dark background is helpful. However, the background color should be applied to a separate

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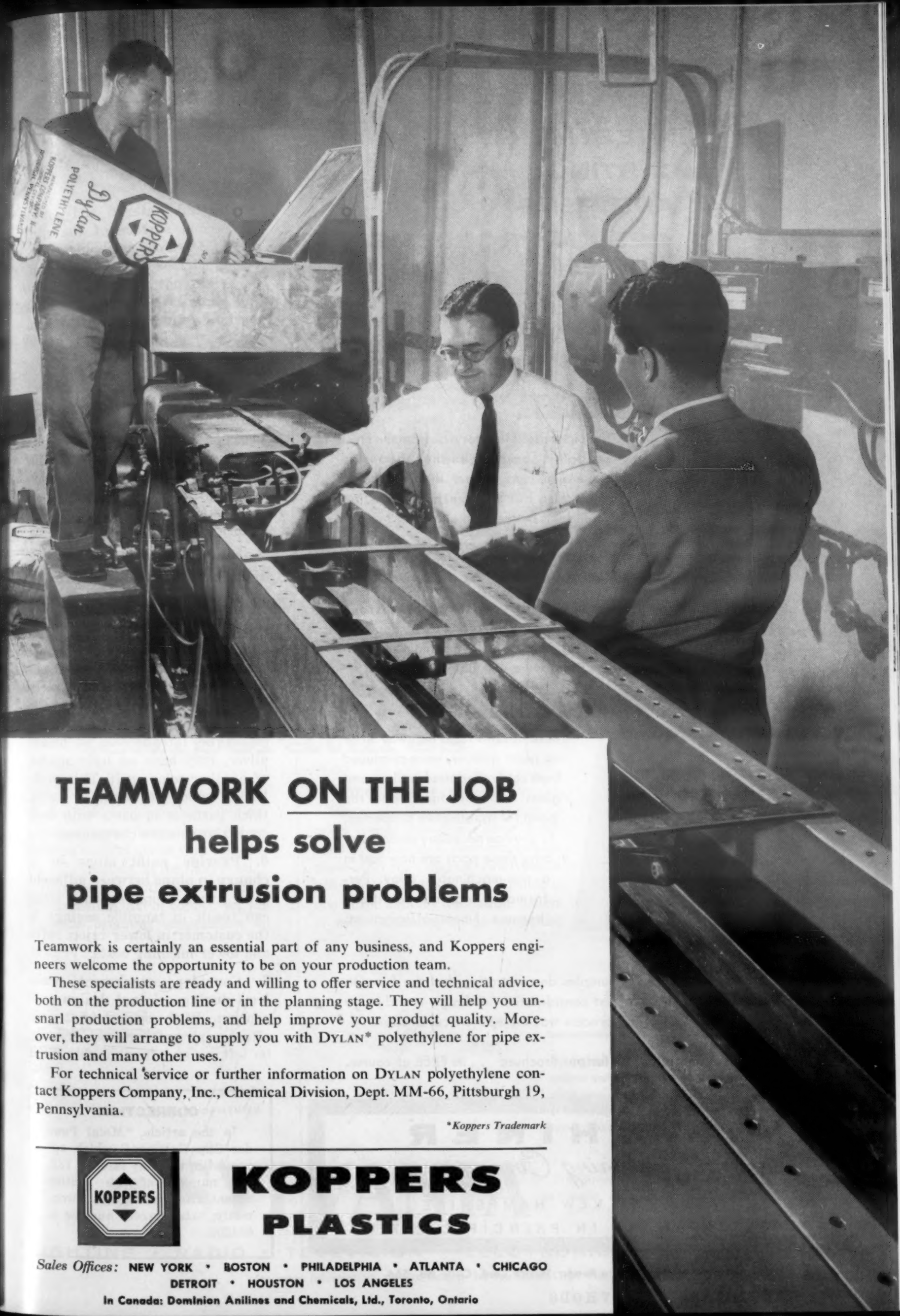

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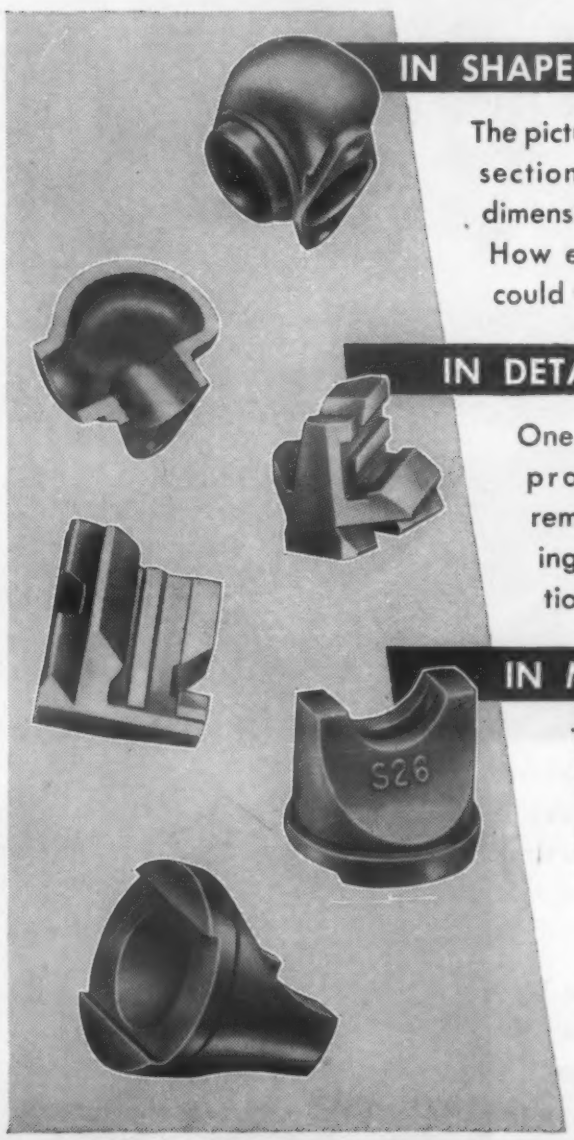

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background material and not to the second surface of the clear plastic. Dark colors applied to the second surface of the transparent material tend to absorb light rays and hamper even illumination of markings farthest from the light source.

4. Second surface decorative surfaces should be in shallow relief. In thick section parts, crowns of decorative areas on the second surface should be kept shallow and returning sidewalls should be deep and should have ample draft to insure easy mold release and simple application of decorative coatings.

5. Be wary of internal reflections of colors from remote areas. If a central motif is designed in deep relief (without regard to above rules), the sight line may enter the first surface and reflect from the design theme at such a wide angle that it picks up a vivid border color. As a result, the central motif, which might be intended to be bright silver, may have an ugly splotch of another color on it. This problem is more prevalent in large, thick parts or in parts with deep convex or concave curvatures.

6. Provide paint stops by a change in plane between adjacent color areas. Applying such stops can result in tangible savings to the customer in lower reject rates and lower masking costs.

7. Consider attachment problems during original design conception. With opaque materials attachment problems can usually be left as an afterthought. With

CORRECTION

In the article, "Metal Powder Slip Castings," which appeared in the May issue, p 132, the number of the British patent cited was given incorrectly. The correct number is 694203.

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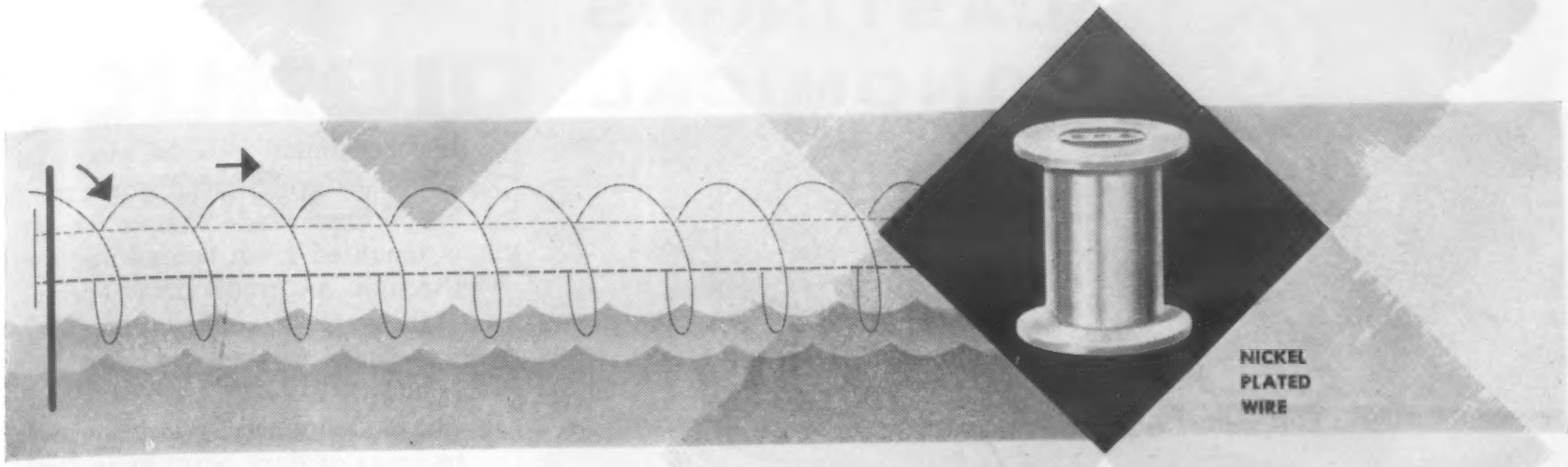

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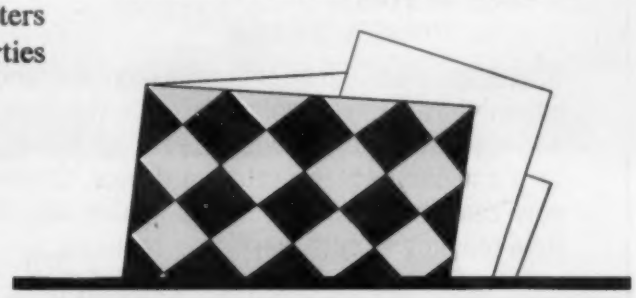

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transparent plastics, they must be considered right from the start if concealment is to be successful. Problems are reduced where metal bezels are used, or where the part is mounted from behind and seen through an undersized opening.

Integrally molded lugs are sometimes used on interior applications. If design permits, they can be disguised by locating them in areas of dark paint or in "light traps." Another method is to locate them in places easy to camouflage, like the centers of such letters as O, C, B, R or P, if a darker background is possible. Most lugs, however, are located near edges or on the base of returns. Under some conditions it is possible to see down through the return and this type of integral lug, can be an eyesore. By 1) rounding the external corner to a radius at least equal to the thickness of the material, 2) extending the return a length of at least three times the thickness, and 3) carrying the second surface background color around and down the return, lines of sight can be optically diverted so that the rear edge of the return and the lugs are invisible through a fairly wide viewing angle. Integral lugs, if used, should be made as large as possible for strength, and a generous fillet should be provided at the inside corners of the base.

Encouraging developmental work with adhesive-bonded attachments promises vandal-proof mastics in the near future. Use of such mastics would virtually eliminate fastener concealment problems.

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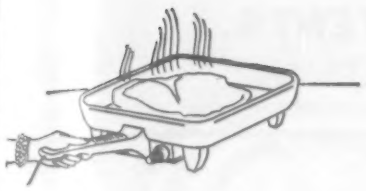

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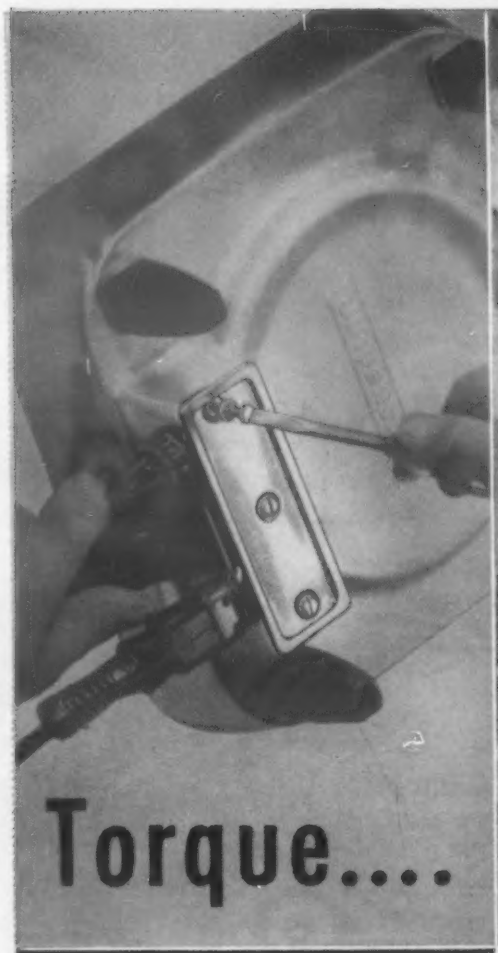

Designers of a new electric frying pan located the control box underneath the handle. This position was ideal for servicing, but it meant that the control box would be completely immersed in dishwater when the pan was cleaned. One of the primary problems was to find a material that would effect a watertight seal under the three screws fastening down the control box cover. Requirements were stiff.

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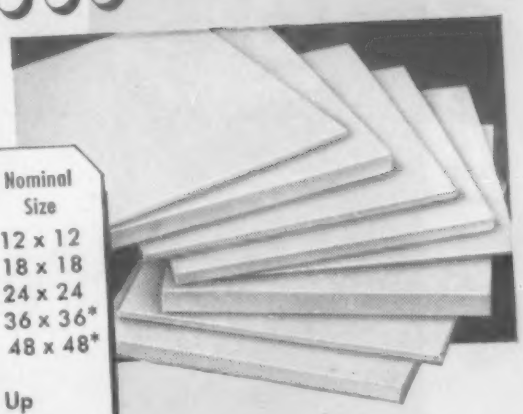

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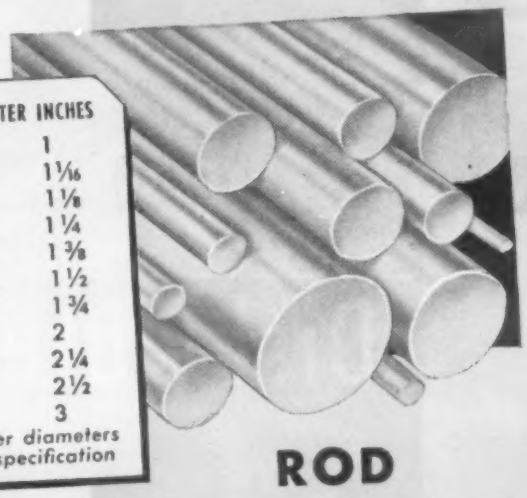

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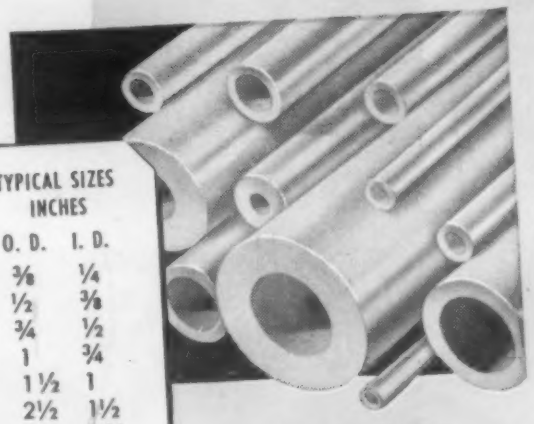

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2 1/2	1 1/2
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In the comparatively short span of 15 years the average structural weight of aircraft has increased from about 30% of gross weight to a present value of around 40%. This increase has taken place in spite of improved materials, an increased fund of design knowledge and improved fabrication methods. To keep this ratio down, something must be done to improve structural design. A critical need exists for better design data on new and existing materials.

In a paper presented before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in Chicago last November, D. A. Shinn of the Wright Air Development Center described some of the investigations being conducted by the Air Force to improve materials design data.

Design Considerations

Very few aircraft failures can be attributed solely to underdesign of the structure. The frequency of structural failures has been estimated to be one per 100,000 flying hr. In comparison, failures due to other causes have been estimated to occur between 10 and 100 times as frequently. Hence, structural weight can probably be reduced to some extent. The small number of structural failures however, makes it difficult to determine how much a part has been overdesigned and how much its weight can be reduced.

Once performance requirements have been set (temperature, life, load, etc.) it is necessary to make a general comparison of available materials for the conditions likely to be encountered. Tensile properties provide a good basis for comparison and they are usually studied first to screen out the chaff. Consideration of the various types of design (straight sheet stringer panel, thick skin, integrally stiffened panel, etc.) may reveal that a different material is most efficient for each type of construction.

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more complex by the fact that parts may be called upon to operate at temperatures from —65 to 350 F and that strain rates during loading may vary from 0.005 to 1.0 in. per in. per sec. Also, the part may be in a critical area where gunfire damage must be minimized or where protection for underlying components is necessary. Thus, the ballistic characteristics of the material must be known.

Current investigations

To satisfy the need of designers for a better knowledge of materials and their behavior, a number of investigations are currently being conducted by the Air Force. The investigations include: 1) effect of strain rate on strength; 2) properties of new materials such as ultra high strength steels and titanium; 3) notch sensitivity; 4) intermittent heating; 5) creep; 6) fatigue; 7) cumulative damage; 8) plasticity; and 9) ballistics.

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properties in mind, W. H. McKnight, of Corning Glass Works, discusses a variety of newer types of glass and their application in electronic work in a paper delivered in April before the Great Lakes District meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

High purity silica glass

By a recently developed patented process, fine quality, clear, high purity silica glass can be produced with a low coefficient of thermal expansion of 3.1 x 10^{-7} per deg F. This coefficient makes the material indestructible by thermal shock; it can be plunged white-hot into ice water without damage. Its high melting point permits continued use at 1800 F and intermittent use at temperatures up to 2500 F. It has a high degree of homogeneity and a low attenuation constant, making it suitable for ultrasonic delay lines. The material is also available in boule form in sizes up to 18 in. dia and 6 in. thick.

McKnight predicts that in the near future the glass will also be available in tubing and cane form, as well as in the form of trays, crucibles and similar items. It is expected to find use in semiconductors, transistors, and similar types of crystal components.

Conductive glass

Though normally an insulating material, borosilicate and aluminosilicate glasses can be treated by a process known as "E-C coating" to produce a conductive coating of controlled resistivity on the surface. The process consists of applying a metallic oxide to the glass surface at elevated temperatures. (For information on other techniques, see M&M, May '56, p 252). The resultant materials are finding industrial and domestic application as drying and space heating panels.

Glass tubing and rod can be E-C coated by a continuous process and subsequently cut into proper lengths. Such a material can be used in precision resistors. It can also be used in metallic film type

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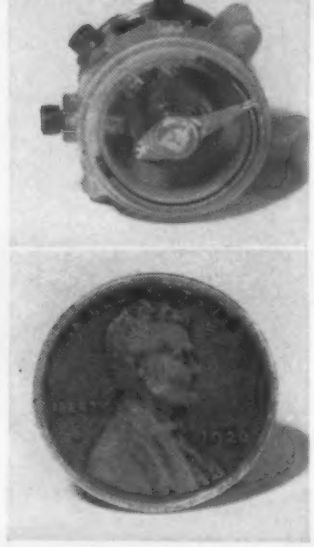

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Metallized glass

Glass can be metallized by applying metal to the surface and subsequently firing so that it becomes an integral part of the glass. Greater metal thicknesses can be built up by plating copper to increase current carrying capacity. The process is also used to produce cane-form electrical inductors, where metallized spirals are applied to cane or tubing. These are used in such equipment as trimmer capacitors, permeability tuning units, coil forms and chokes.

Edges of glass windows and enclosures can be metallized to permit solder mounting. Such enclosures are nonconducting and nonmagnetic. There is a potential for metallized glass in printed circuits but, at present, obtaining accuracy and economy in producing mounting holes and making connections on opposite surfaces are major problems.

Glass can also be coated by vapor metallizing. However, it is generally costly, and is done only on precision finished items such as attenuator plates and other units used in microwave applications.

Glass-to-metal seals

Suitable glasses have been developed for sealing with a long list of metals and alloys. Normal criteria for good seals are: 1) wettability of the metal or its adherent oxide coating by the glass at sealing temperatures; 2) a relatively close match in linear coefficients of expansion between the "set-point" of the glass and the temperature at which the seals will operate; 3) freedom from high temperature chemical reaction between the constituents; and

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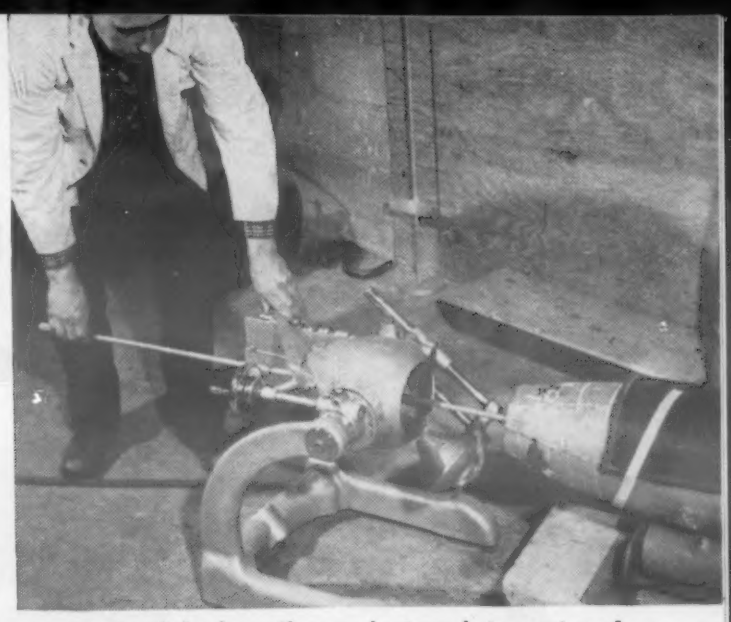

Jo Drechsler inserting an isotope into center of an experimental casting. The flexible film holder, loaded with Du Pont 506 X-ray Film, is wrapped around top of the casting.

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4) application of good design principles.

In basic design, glass-to-metal seals are divided into two major categories. The high expansion group consists of combinations of the softer lead and lime types of glasses with metals such as platinum, Dumet, Sylvania No. 4, chromium iron and cold rolled steels. The lower expansion group contains combinations of materials whose coefficients of linear expansion are less than 33 x 10^{-7} per deg F. These include borosilicate type glasses combined with tungsten, molybdenum or low expansion alloys of nickel, cobalt, chromium and iron. This latter group normally withstands higher temperatures and is more thermally stable.

Other new developments

Soft glasses—A series of relatively soft glasses called soft-sealing or solder glasses has been developed recently. They are designed for sealing to metals at temperatures lower than those encountered with conventional glass-to-metal sealing techniques. These glasses are used principally to prevent heat distortion of sealed components, to provide a hermetic joint that can be taken apart easily, or because one or more of the components involved is unable to withstand high temperature sealing. Normally parts to be assembled by this method are supplied with solder glass preglazed on the edges to be joined. Then, only enough heat to soften this glass need be applied.

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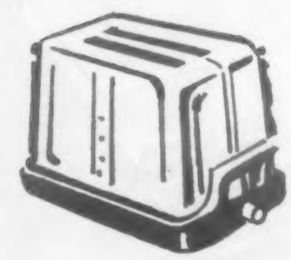

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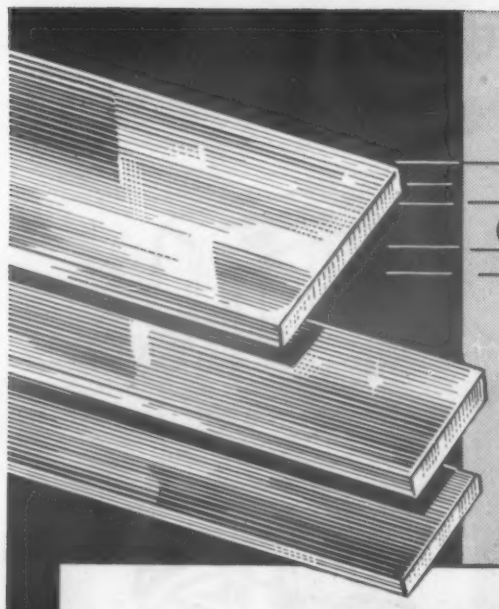

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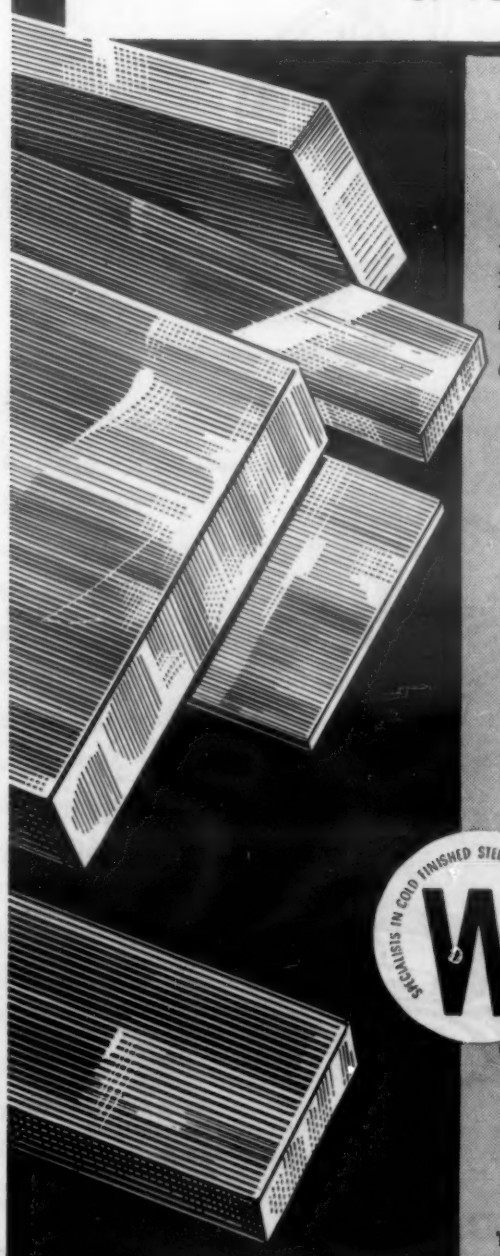

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Special uses for glass

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It would be impossible to enumerate every desirable quality an automobile body should possess. It is important, however, to determine those characteristics of a body material that relate directly to a need or purpose in its use. Once these characteristics have been determined, they provide a yardstick by which the suitability of a new material such as reinforced plastics, can be measured.

With such a yardstick in mind J. G. Coffin, of GM's Chevrolet Motors Div., discussed the advantages and limitations of reinforced plastics before the 11th Annual Meeting of the Reinforced Plastics Div. of The Society of the Plastics Industry. The plastic discussed is the same as that used for the first production sports car

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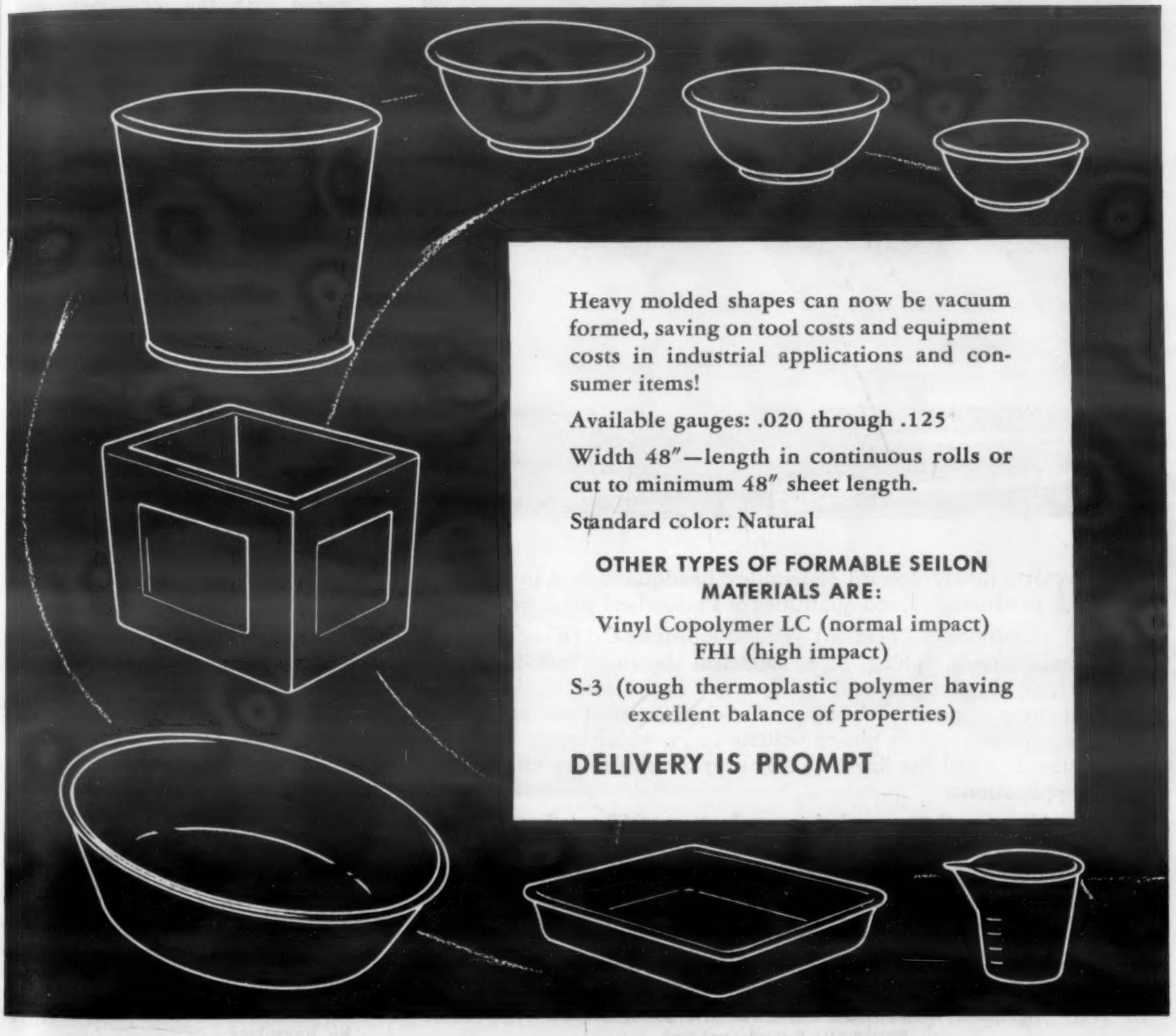

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having a reinforced plastics body. The material is a matched die-molded laminate consisting of 40% glass (as mat or preform), 45% polyester resin and 15% mineral filler.

When the new material is compared with the old — reinforced plastics vs steel — apparent inadequacies exist in reinforced plastics. Proper design can make some of these limitations insignificant; on the other hand, some apparently unimportant shortcomings can prove to be serious.

Plastics vs steel

Steel is inherently between two and three times stronger than reinforced plastics. However, when plastics are used in thicker sections (0.10 in. vs 0.036 in. for steel) over-all strength of the sheet or panel is actually greater than that of the corresponding steel part. Greater thickness also provides sufficient flexural rigidity. Although the flexural modulus of the plastic is only 1.3×10^6 psi, as against 30×10^6 psi for steel, stiffness in bending of the thicker plastics sections is almost exactly equivalent to that of the conventional steel section.

Tensile rigidity is another story. The greater thickness of the plastic does not even come close to nullifying its deficiency in modulus. Because of the magnitude of the difference in stiffness, high deflections might be expected in some cases, e.g. in structural areas of box section design. Actually, however, the vehicle is under dynamic load conditions, and if greater static deflections are allowed for during assembly, the lack of tensile rigidity proves to be harmless.

Fatigue life

Commonly published static strength properties of reinforced polyester laminates are sufficient to establish that, in thick enough sections, strength is more than sufficient to meet the immediate requirements in car bodies. Although these static properties, such as stiffness and tensile, flex-

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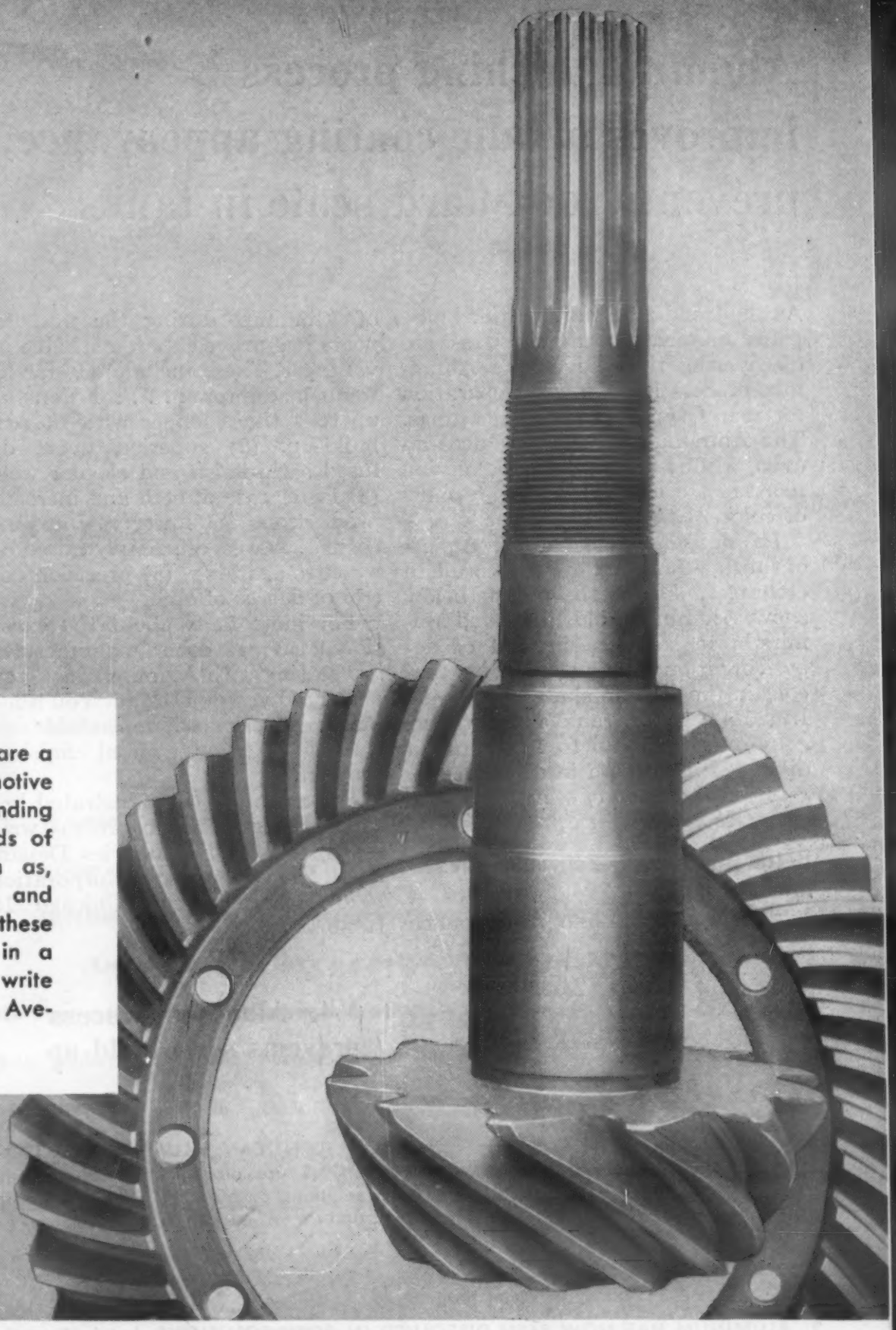

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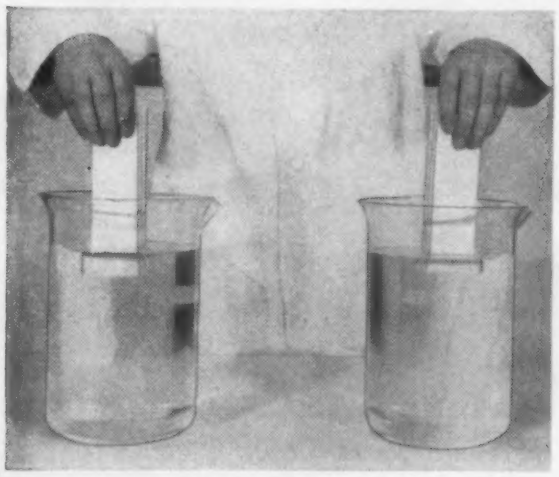

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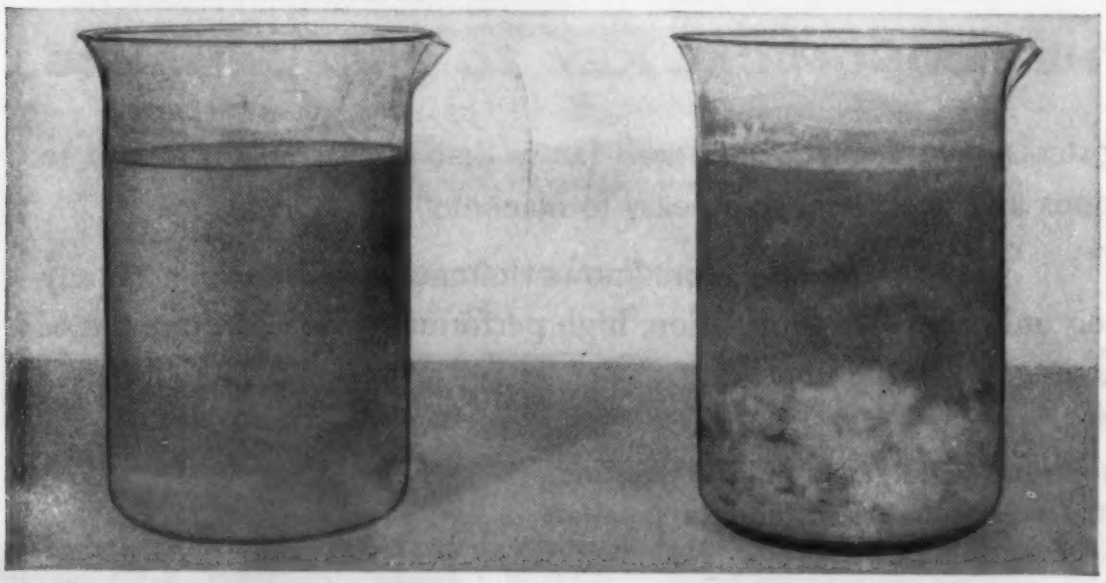

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ural and impact strengths, are not critical as such, they are probably the primary factors influencing fatigue life. They should therefore be kept as high as is consistent with other requirements.

According to Coffin, though much has been said about fatigue, no one has been able to relate it to a service requirement in an automobile. However, since 1) reinforced plastics *will* fail in fatigue, and 2) to the author's knowledge no service fatigue failure has been reported, Coffin concludes that the 20% endurance limit factor currently being used is adequate for design.

Compromise on impact

As is the case with most materials, greater stiffness in reinforced plastics is obtained at the sacrifice of impact strength, and vice versa. In order to attain the best balance of these and other properties, compromises must be made.

The author feels that his company has almost reached the point of optimum balance in mechanical properties, i.e., a point where performance commensurate with requirements is obtained in all respects. Moving very far in either direction, either toward materials with greater stiffness but lower impact strength, or toward materials with lower stiffness but greater impact strength, is likely to result in inferior service durability. Automobile body development experts have commented that sports cars completely equipped with reinforced plastics body panels and structural members are about equivalent to average steel body convertible coupes

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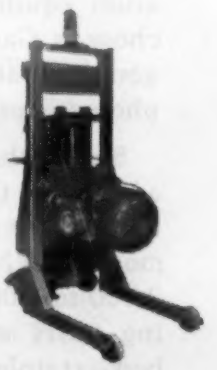

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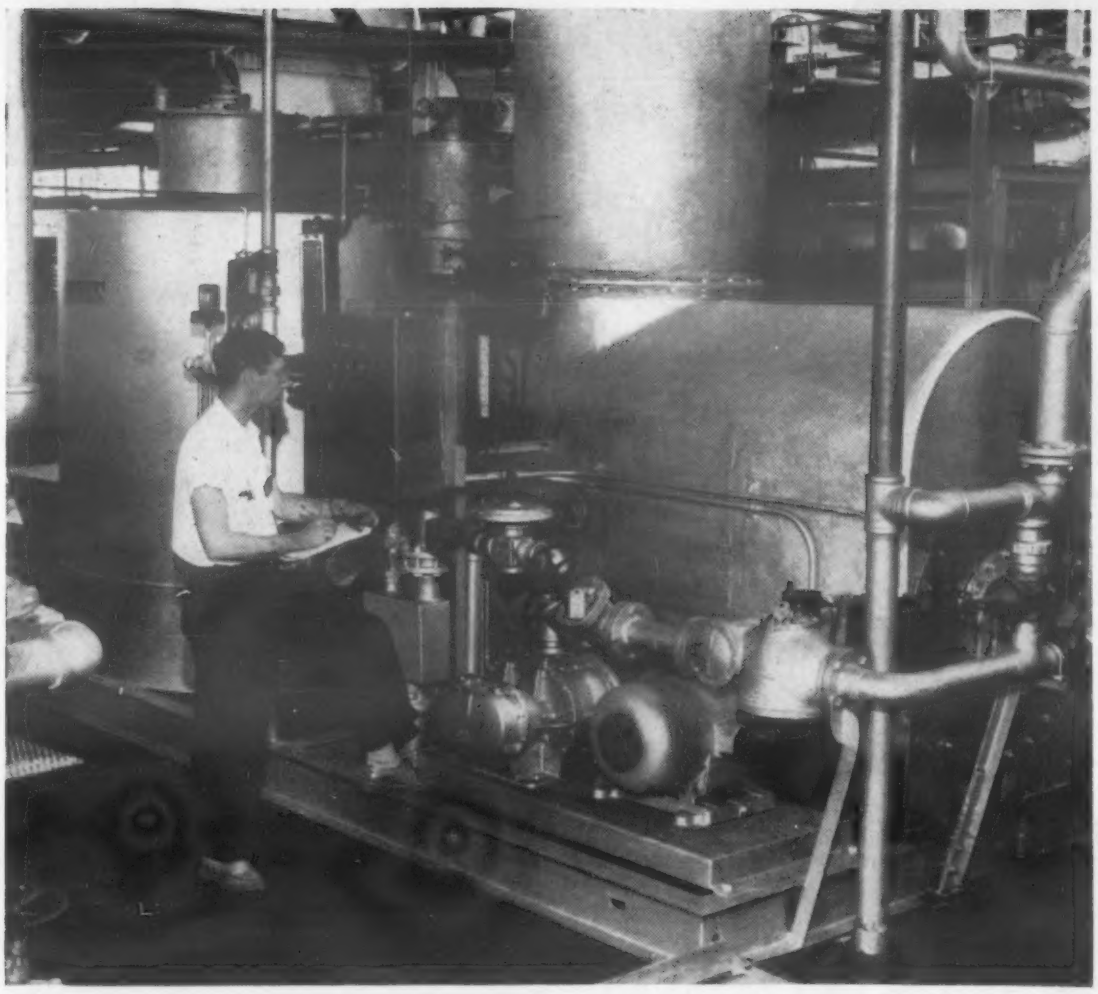

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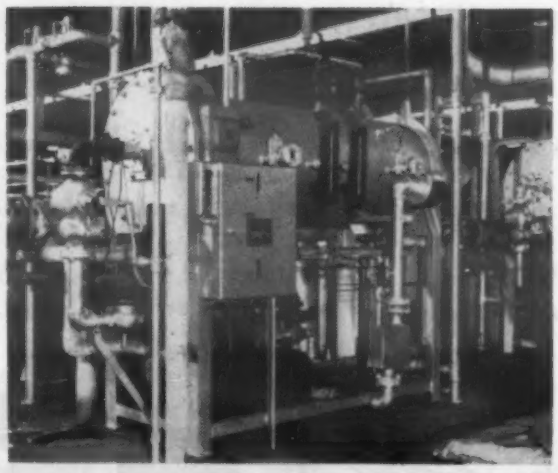

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with respect to shake, cowl movement, and torsional and beaming stiffness.

Appearance

A pleasing surface appearance is a prime requisite for an automobile body material. Since plastics resist exposure to salt spray and humidity better than metals, it might be natural to assume that they would have outstanding weathering characteristics. Actually, the reinforced plastics compositions used are adversely affected by exposure to the elements to a disconcerting degree.

One of the main effects of outdoor exposure is the appearance of the glass fiber pattern. The surface roughness of a laminate is caused by shrinkage of the resin. When such a surface is painted, the resin "valleys" take a heavier coat than the glass fiber ridges. During exposure, the paint film absorbs water and swells in proportion to its thickness, and valleys in the resulting rough surface reflect the shape of the reinforcement under the plastics' surface.

A more gross but possibly less objectionable appearance defect is surface waviness in reinforced plastics panels. Waviness, too, is primarily due to resin shrinkage.

There are several approaches which can be taken to correct or minimize both the appearance of the glass fiber pattern and the waviness in panels. These approaches vary from maintaining stringent specifications on water absorption and shrinkage of the resins used, to changes in laminating technique.

Major difficulties in bonded joints of reinforced plastics have been encountered because of deficiencies in fit-up, bonding practices and joint design. Coffin reports that his company, after extensive experimentation, has alleviated most of the difficulties by using low shrinkage adhesives, maintaining close control over shop practices in fit-up and bonding, and developing new and improved joint designs.

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Aluminium Taschenbuch. *Johannes Reiprich and Wilhelm v. Zwehl. Aluminium-Verlag G.m.b.H., Dusseldorf, West Germany. 1955. 6 by 9 in. 965 pp. Price $4.00.*

An enlarged edition in German of the well known reference book on aluminum and its alloys. It is issued by Aluminium-Zentrale, the central information service of the German aluminum industry.

Such subjects as working, heat treatment, fabrication and surface treatment are covered thoroughly. Alloys are listed with the standard German specification and with their nearest equivalents in other countries. Tables show physical and mechanical properties of all such alloys in the various forms in which they are usually supplied. A convenient table shows the corrosion resistance of pure and alloyed aluminum. There are also many tables of sizes and weights, 400 illustrations and extensive references. The relevant DIN specifications are listed in an index.

Theory and Practice of Lubrication for Engineers. *Dudley D. Fuller. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York 16, N. Y. Cloth, 6 by 9¼ in. 432 pp. Price $10.50.*

After presenting the theory of lubrication the author applies these principles to a wide range of lubrication problems. Many bearing designs are given, including among others, those for machine tools, turbines, generators, large motors, rolling mills, bar mills and centrifuges. Direct references are made to examples of recent research, and the techniques used and results achieved are discussed.

The chapter on bearing materials covers tin- and lead-base babbitts, bronzes, copper, lead, cadmium-base alloys, aluminum alloys, silver, porous metal, cast iron, glass, plastics, rubber and graphite.

Government - Industry Cooperation in Standardization. *American Standards Assn., New York 17, N. Y. 1955. Paper, 8½ by 11 in. 94 pp. Price $3.00.*

This volume contains the 30 addresses made by government, industrial leaders and military officials at the Sixth National Conference on Standards, held in Washington, D. C., October 1955. The conference, sponsored by the American Standards Assn. and the National Bureau of Standards, was the first of its kind ever held jointly by industry and a government agency.

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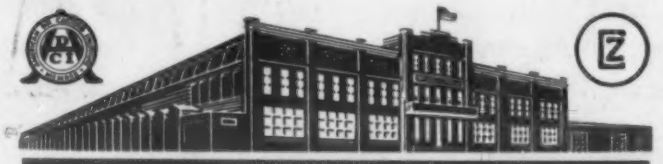

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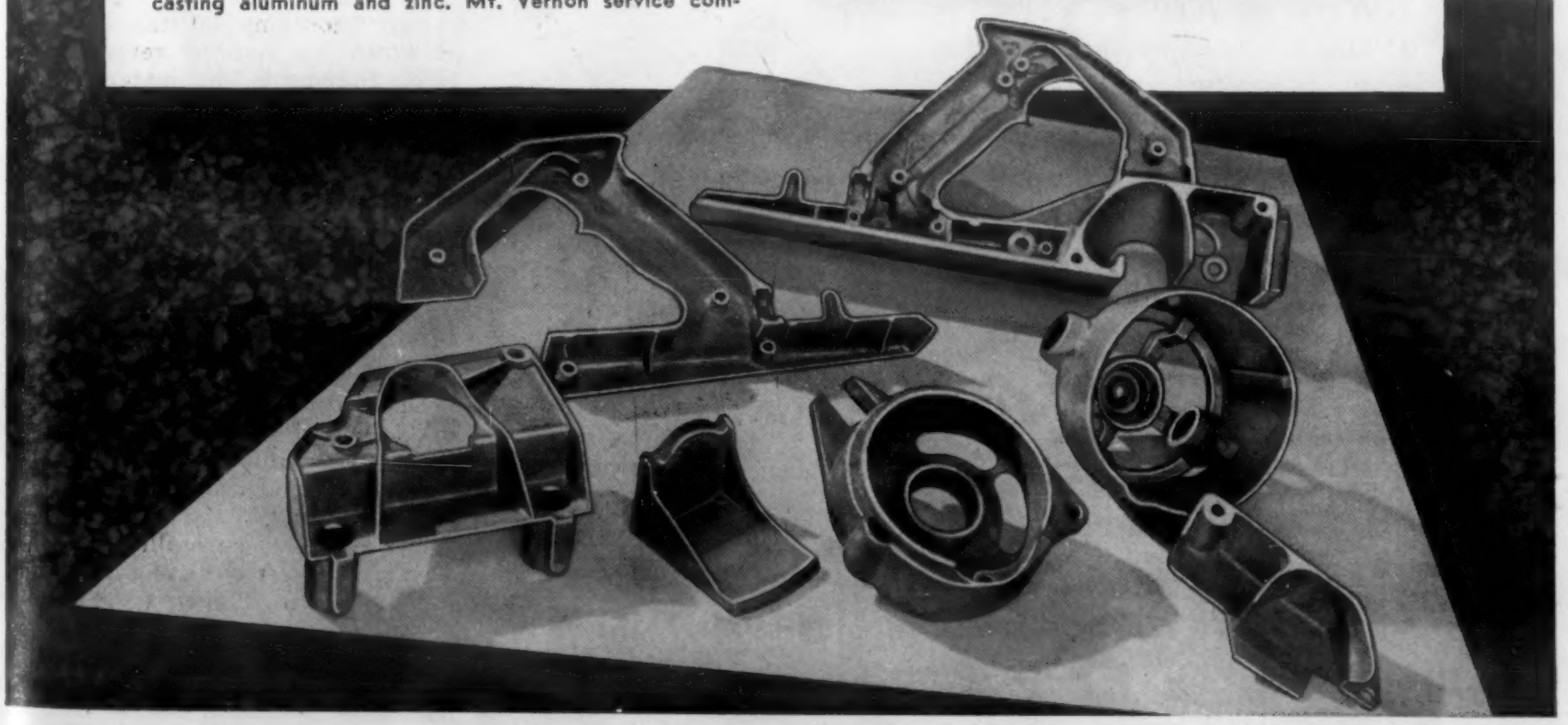

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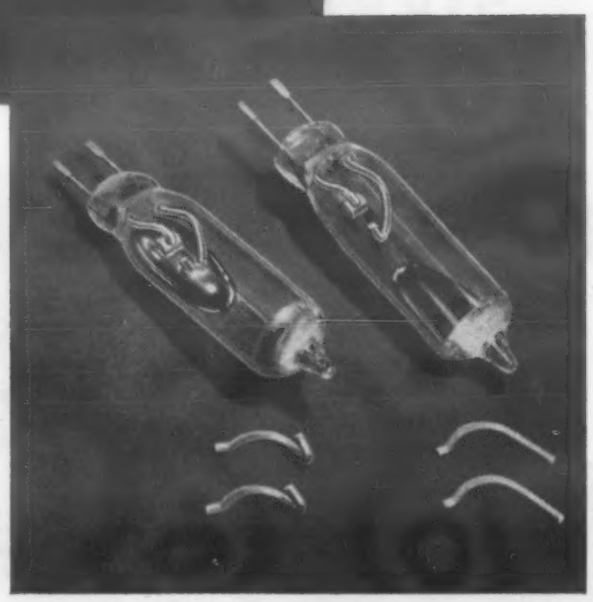

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tion; government-industry standardization at the Army, Navy and Air Force level; the relationship of industry standards and specifications to those of government; and government-industry cooperation in international standardization.

Proceedings of the Standards Engineers Society's 4th Annual National Meeting. *Standards Engineers Society, Camden, N. J. 1956. Paper, 8½ by 11 in. 80 pp. Price $3.00.*

These 24 papers were presented at the Annual Meeting of the SES last fall. They include a panel discussion of standards programs operated by such companies as the Scintilla Div. of Bendix Aviation, IBM, General Precision and Ansco; national strength in relation to standardization; the case for voluntary standards; and a panel discussion of the American standard for preferred thicknesses of thin flat metals.

1955 Book of ASTM Standards. *American Society for Testing Materials, Philadelphia, Pa. 1955. Part 2—Non-Ferrous Metals. Cloth, 6 by 9 in. 1516 pp. Price $11.00. Part 6—Plastics, Electrical Insulation, Rubber, Electronics Materials. Cloth, 6 by 9 in. 1776 pp. Price $13.00. Part 7—Textiles, Soap, Water, Paper, Adhesives, and Shipping Containers. Cloth 6 by 9 in. 1692 pp. Price $11.00. Price $84.00 for complete set, seven parts.*

Part 2 covers coppers, lead, aluminum and magnesium, metal powders, and widely used test procedures. Of the 270 standards, 156 are new or have been revised since 1952.

Part 6 contains 300 standards, 148 of which are new or revised since 1952. Standards on materials for electron tubes, formerly found in Part 2, have been added to this part.

Part 7 contains 354 standards, 166 of which are new or have been added since 1952.

Technical Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Convention. *American Electroplaters' Society, Newark, N. J. 1955. Cloth, 8¼ by 11½ in. 255 pp. Price $10.00.*

The convention was held in Cleveland, Ohio, in July 1955. Subjects discussed include the plating of yellow brass, zinc, cadmium and lead-tin-antimony; plating on beryllium copper and powder-metallurgy bronze parts; and electroless nickel plating of nonconductors. The papers are illustrated with graphs, tables and photographs.

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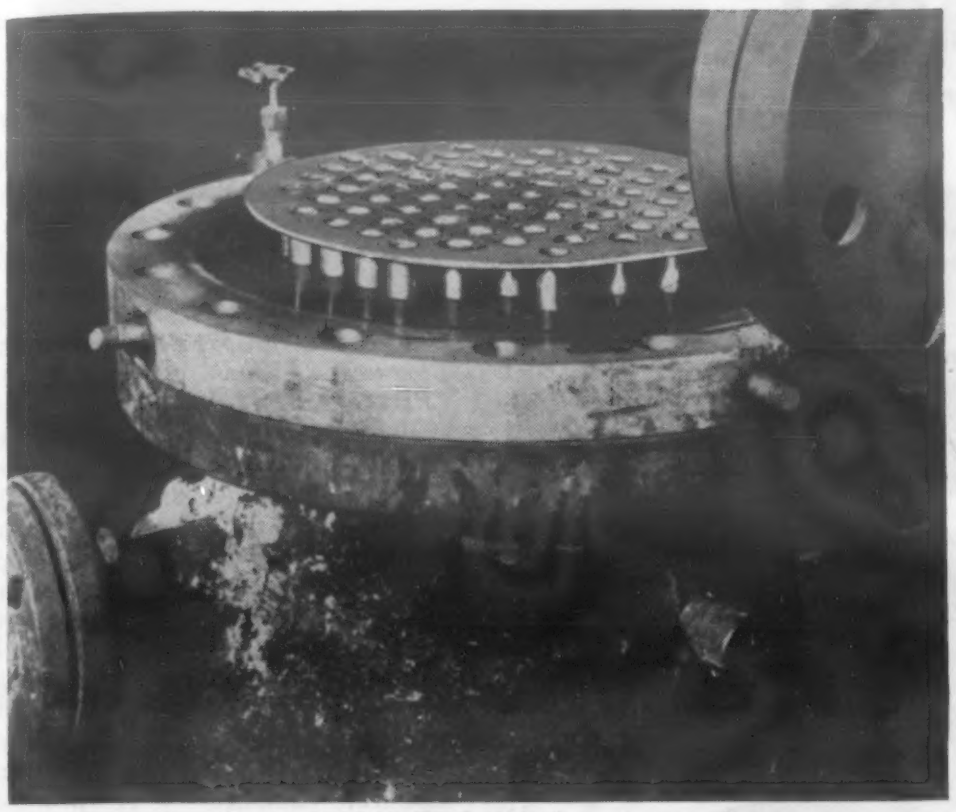

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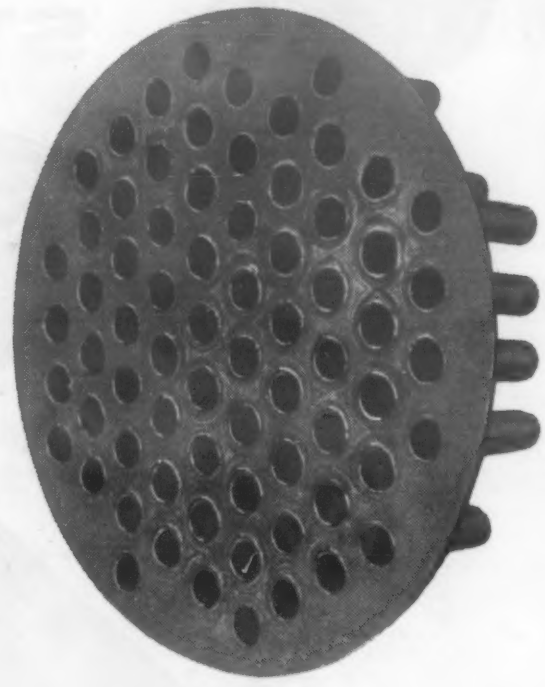

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Magnesium coatings PROTECTIVE COATINGS FOR MAGNESIUM. *T. Kirk Hay, Gerald F. Bechtle, Garmond G. Schurr and Maurice Van Loo, Sherwin-Williams Co. Oct 1954. 216 pp, photos, tables. Available from Office of Technical Services, Dept. of Commerce, Wash. 25, D. C. $5.50. (PB 111886)*

Recommended finishing systems use a vinyl toluene-ether ester vehicle in both primer and topcoat. Primers contain 35% by volume of zinc chromate and silicon dioxide pigments. Solvent resistance of these coatings has been variable; the two types evaluated softened badly but showed fair recovery upon solvent evaporation. Polysulfide and furan resin vehicles and a pigment prepared from calcium sulfide and ammonium vanadate were promising enough to warrant further study.

Vinyl finishes RESINS FOR VINYL FINISHES. Part II: Atmospheric Resistance. *S. B. Crecelius, Naval Research Laboratory. Dec 1955. 17 pp, graph, tables. Available from Office of Technical Services, Dept. of Commerce, Wash. 25, D. C. 50 cents. (PB 111824)*

Purpose of study was to establish the type of alkyd resin that could best be used in combination with vinyl resin (VAGH) in topside coatings for Navy ships. Tropical exposure, salt spray, salt spray cabinet, weatherometer and roof exposure tests were made on paints containing alkyd resins made from varying proportions of phthalic anhydride and different fatty acids and polyhydric alcohols. Epon ester and straight Epon resins were also studied. For Part I, see PB 111369.

SAE 4340 steel EFFECT OF STRAIN RATE ON THE TENSILE PROPERTIES OF SAE 4340 STEEL. *R. F. Klinger, Wright Air Development Center. Feb 1955. 30 pp. Available from Office of Technical Services, Dept. of Commerce, Wash. 25, D. C. $1.00. (PB 111948)*

Effects of tensile strain rates from 0.00002 to 20 in./in./sec were determined at room temperature on SAE 4340 steel ranging from the annealed condition to a nominal ultimate strength of 220,000 psi. Results show that strength properties are greater at high strain rates than at low strain rates, but that this strain rate effect is less as the strength level of the steel is increased. The 220,000 psi steel shows no change or a slight loss in strength at the higher strain rates. Elongation was not affected

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New high strength steel MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF A NEW HIGH-STRENGTH HIGH-TOUGHNESS GENERAL-PURPOSE ALLOY. *W. E. Dirkes, R. E. Bowman and E. L. Horne, Wright Air Development Center. Aug 1952. 28 pp. Available from Office of Technical Services, Dept. of Commerce, Wash. 25, D. C. 75 cents. (PB 111617)*

Mechanical properties of a chrome-nickel-molybdenum-vanadium general purpose medium-carbon alloy steel (modified SAE 4330 plus vanadium) made by Republic Steel Corp. Combination of high strength and toughness may make this steel suitable for aircraft applications.

Titanium interstitials EFFECTS OF CARBON, OXYGEN AND NITROGEN ON THE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS. *H. R. Ogden and R. I. Jaffee, Battelle Memorial Institute. Oct 1955. 102 pp, graphs, tables. Available from Office of Technical Services, Dept. of Commerce, Wash. 25, D. C. $2.75. (PB 111982)*

These interstitial elements strengthen titanium although the effect is lost at elevated temperatures. At room temperatures interstitials have little effect on tensile ductility but at subzero temperatures they promote embrittlement. They also have a deleterious effect on toughness, notch sensitivity, weld ductility, machinability and bend ductility. Strengthening effect of individual or combined interstitials can be expressed in terms of an oxygen equivalent. Bibliographies given.

Fatigue of N-155 DAMPING, ELASTICITY, AND FATIGUE PROPERTIES OF UNNOTCHED AND NOTCHED N-155 AT ROOM AND ELEVATED TEMPERATURES. *L. J. Demer and B. J. Lazan, Univ. of Minnesota. Feb 1953. 77 pp. photos, diags, graphs, tables. Available from Office of Technical Services, Dept. of Commerce, Wash. 25, D. C. $2. (PB 111618)*

Properties obtained for unnotched and notched specimens at room temperature, 1350 and 1500 F are compared on two bases: equal stress and equal stress ratio. Equations are developed for interpreting rotating cantilever beam data so that effective length of specimen fillets, specific damping energy and dynamic modulus of elasticity may be calculated. Continues study reported in PB 116824.

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Strength of Stainless DEFORMATION STUDIES OF METALS AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES. II. The Iron-Chromium-Nickel Ternary System. III. Effect of Structure and Composition on the Strength Properties of Stainless Steel. IV. Effect of Cold Work on the Strength Properties of Stainless Steels. *N. J. Grant, H. C. Chang, P. E. Price, F. C. Monkman and F. B. Cuff. Massachusetts Inst. of Technology. Jan 1955. 8 pp, tables. Available from Library of Congress, Photoduplication Service, Publications Board Project, Wash. 25, D. C. Film $1.80, stat $1.80. (PB 119213)*

Welded aluminum fatigue FATIGUE PROPERTIES OF TUNGSTEN-ARC BUTT-WELDED WROUGHT ALUMINUM ALLOYS. *Ture T. Oberg and Edward J. Ward, Wright Air Development Center. Oct 1951. 27 pp, photos, drawing, graphs, tables. Available from Office of Technical Services, Dept. of Commerce, Wash. 25, D. C. 75 cents. (PB 111616)*

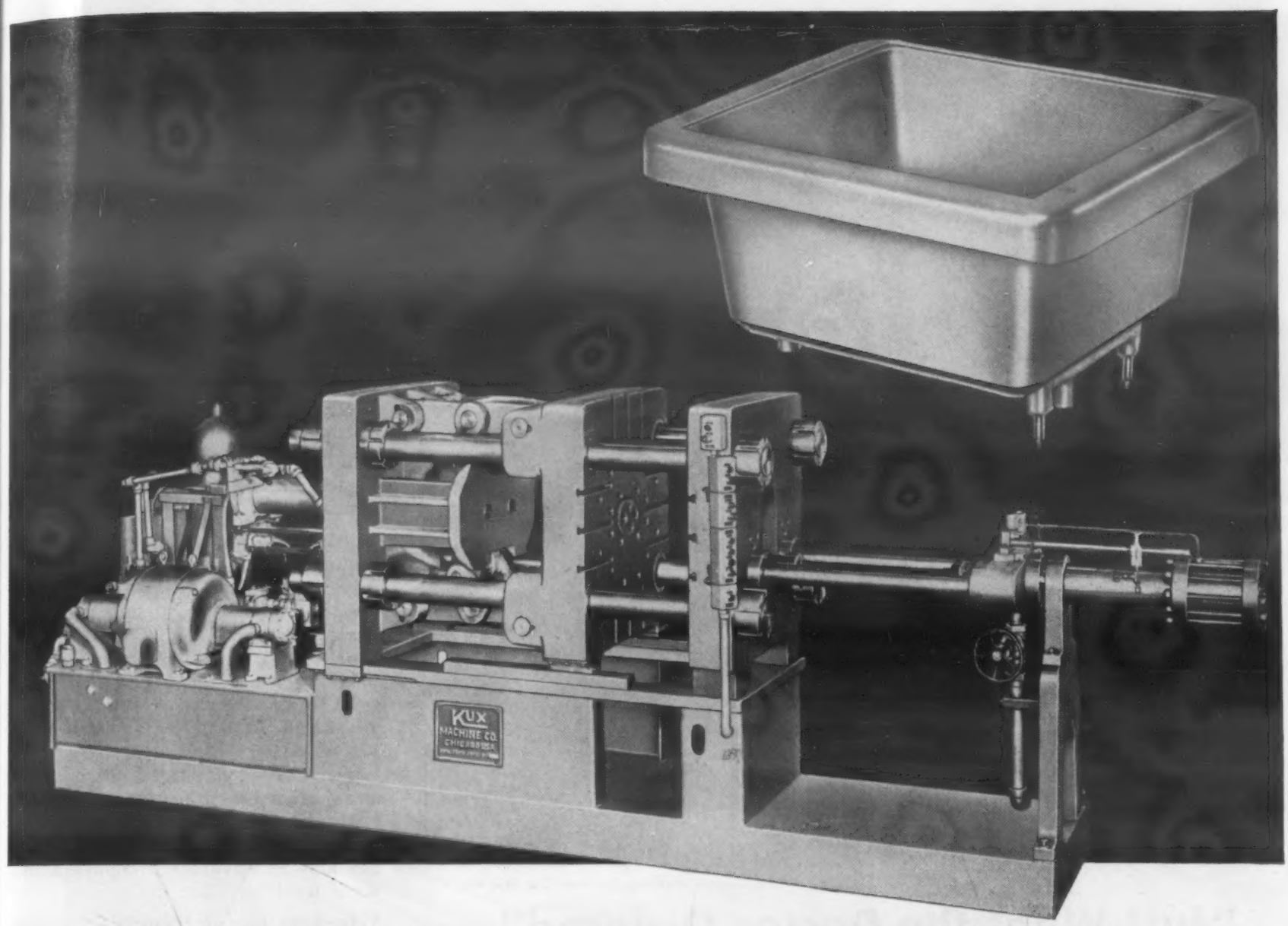
After determining fatigue characteristics by reverse bending and investigating effects of post-weld heat treating and of filler material, the authors conclude that the argon gas-shielded tungsten-arc welding process does not produce joints in 7075-T 2014-T alloys of satisfactory strength.

Chromium plating INDUSTRIAL APPLICATION OF CHROMIUM PLATING, A REVIEW OF LITERATURE. *M. Kolodny, National Research Council. Nov 1942. 81 tables. Available from Library of Congress, Photoduplication Service, Publications Board Project, Wash. 25, D. C. Film $4.80, enl pr $15.30. (PB 119511)*

Titanium diffusion coatings ELECTRODEPOSITION OF TITANIUM. *Albert W. Schlechten, Martin E. Straumanis and C. Burroughs Gill, Univ. of Missouri. Nov 1954. 59 pp, photos, drawings, diags, graphs, tables. Available from Office of Technical Services, Dept. of Commerce, Wash. 25, D. C. $1.50. (PB 111798)*

Diffusion coatings of titanium on iron, mild steel, copper and other metals have good corrosion resistance. Process variables discussed. Also, data on corrosion of titanium in fused salts, resulting products and probable mechanism.

Titanium alloy properties ENGINEERING PROPERTIES OF COMMERCIAL TITANIUM ALLOYS. *M. W. Mote, Jr., and P. D. Frost. Battelle Memorial Inst. Sep 1955. 90 pp, graphs, tables. Available from Office of Technical*



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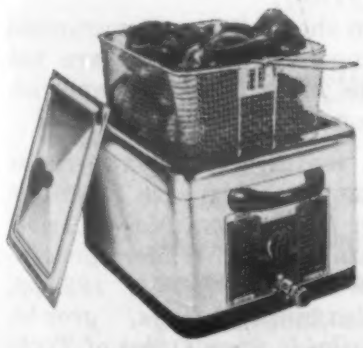

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Services, Dept. of Commerce, Wash. 25, D. C. $2.25. (PB 111981)

General composition and designation of alloys that have been made in commercial size ingots (as of summer, 1955), properties of these commercial alloys in the annealed and heat treated conditions, and a review of data on the uniformity of alloys.

Tungsten - molybdenum brazing PHASE REPORT ON BRAZING TUNGSTEN TO MOLYBDENUM. *J. T. Niemann and R. P. Sopher, Battelle Memorial Inst. Nov 1955. 33 pp, photos, drawings, tables. Available from Library of Congress, Photoduplication Service, Publications Board Project, Wash. 25, D. C. Film $3, stat $6.30. (PB 119440)*

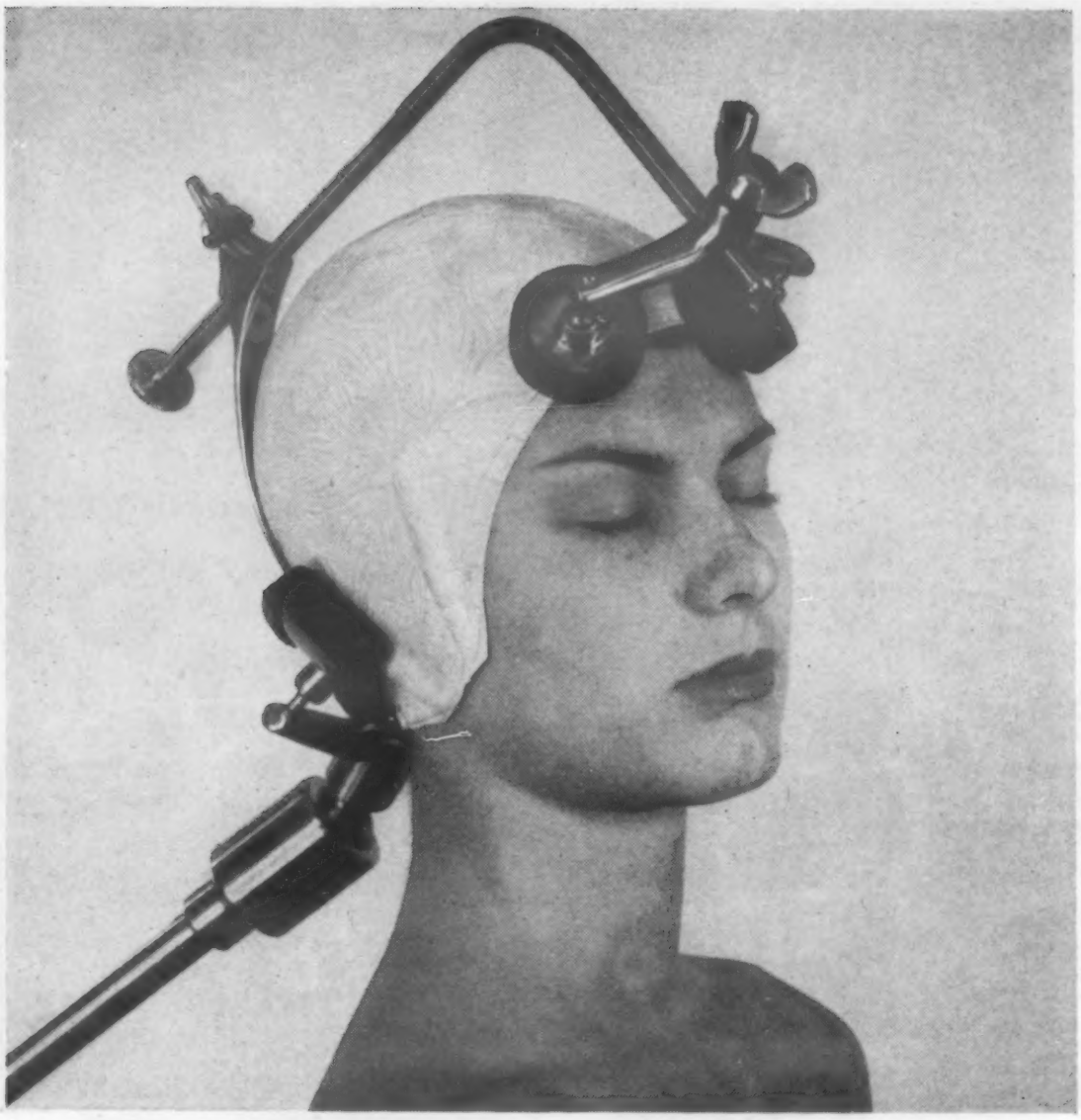
Two curved simulated nozzle blocks were brazed and pressure tested to evaluate strength of joints between tungsten and molybdenum. Both copper and 72 silver-28% copper alloys were used as filler materials.

Titanium for airframes SELECTION OF MATERIALS FOR HIGH-TEMPERATURE APPLICTIONS IN AIRFRAMES. *S. A. Gordon, Battelle Memorial Inst. Aug 1955. 38 pp, graphs. Available from Office of Technical Services, Dept. of Commerce, Wash. 25, D. C. $1. (PB 111980)*

Titanium sheet alloys at guaranteed yield strengths of 110 ksi are not competitive materials for sandwich construction.

Titanium welding SPOT AND SEAM WELDING OF TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS. *D. E. Dawson, North American Aviation, Inc. Under government contract. Apr 1954. 189 pp, photos, drawings, diags, graphs, tables. Available from Office of Technical Services, Dept. of Commerce, Wash. 25, D. C. $4.75. (PB 111707)*

Final Report. Spot and seam welding process as may be readily applied to production grades of commercially pure titanium sheet, to the oxygen-nitrogen titanium-base alloy Ti-100A, and to the 8% magnesium titanium-base alloy. Simple welding equipment of the a.c. type is most suitable, and a wide range of settings may be used. Surface preparation treatments are necessary only on heavily oxidized material or where surface conditions vary. Spot and seam welds in commercially pure titanium and oxygen-nitrogen alloys have consistent, determinable and usable static and dynamic engineering properties at room and elevated temperatures.



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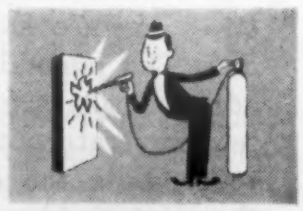

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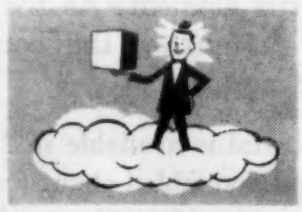

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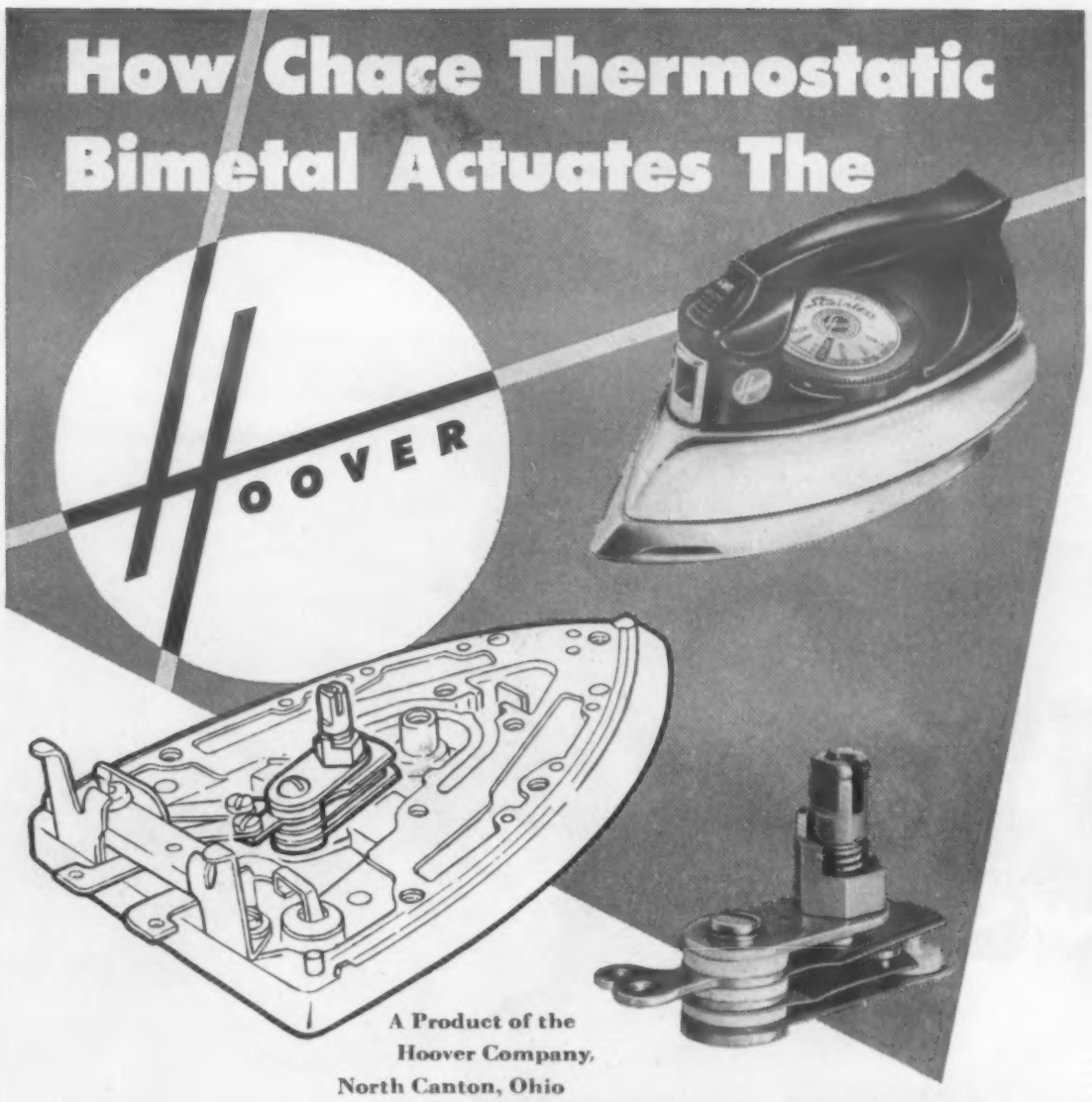

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Thomas L. Ward has been appointed manager of the ALCO Products, Inc., plant at Dunkirk, N. Y.

Thomas P. McGuinness has been made supervisor of engineering, chemical products, Barrett Div., Allied Chemical & Dye Corp.

Howard Shaeffer Avery, research metallurgist at the Metallurgical Lab. of the American Brake Shoe Co., received the Annual Award of the American Society for Metals' New York Chapter at the Chapter's regular meeting in April. The award was made in recognition of Mr. Avery's contributions to the technology of heat and wear resistant alloys.

A. M. Roberts, formerly chief metallurgist for the American Chain Div., American Chain & Cable Co., has been promoted to the position of assistant to the plant manager.

C. H. Raab has been appointed chief metallurgist to succeed Mr. Roberts.

B. E. Anderson has assumed the position of chief engineer of Federated Metals Div., American Smelting and Refining Co. Other new assignments in the division include **Arthur F. Kohn, Jr.,** who has become assistant to the general manager, and **Robert Dean Mathis,** named superintendent of the Division's Los Angeles plant.

Frank S. Brewster has been advanced to director of research and development, Brumley-Donaldson Co.

William P. Crawley has been named supervising textile engineer to establish and operate a textile plant for Carborundum Co. The new plant will manufacture Fiberfrax fiber in roving, yarn, rope, fabric and tape forms.

Carl Joseph Murray has been appointed works manager of the Buffalo, N. Y., plant of Colorado Fuel and Iron Corp.'s Wickwire Spencer Steel Div.

Kenneth M. Gleszer has been made executive vice president, Dixon Sintaloy, Inc.

Harold Ruehl has been named chief engineer, Erickson Tool Co.

W. Mayo Smith, Jr., has been appointed assistant director of research for Escambia Bay Chemical Corp.

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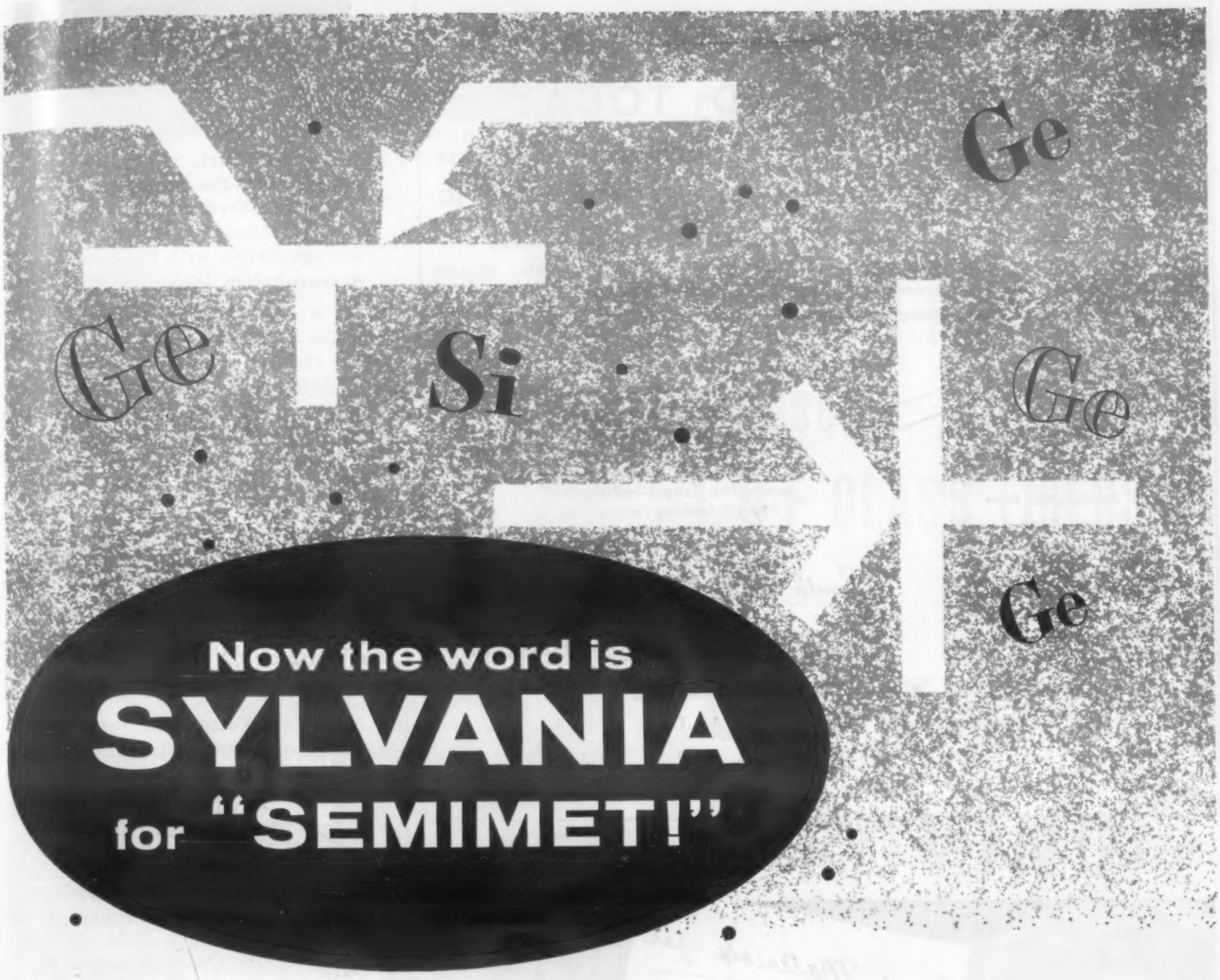

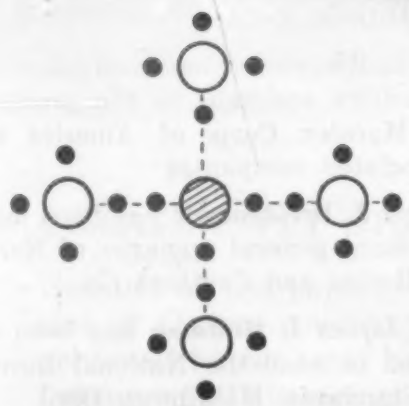

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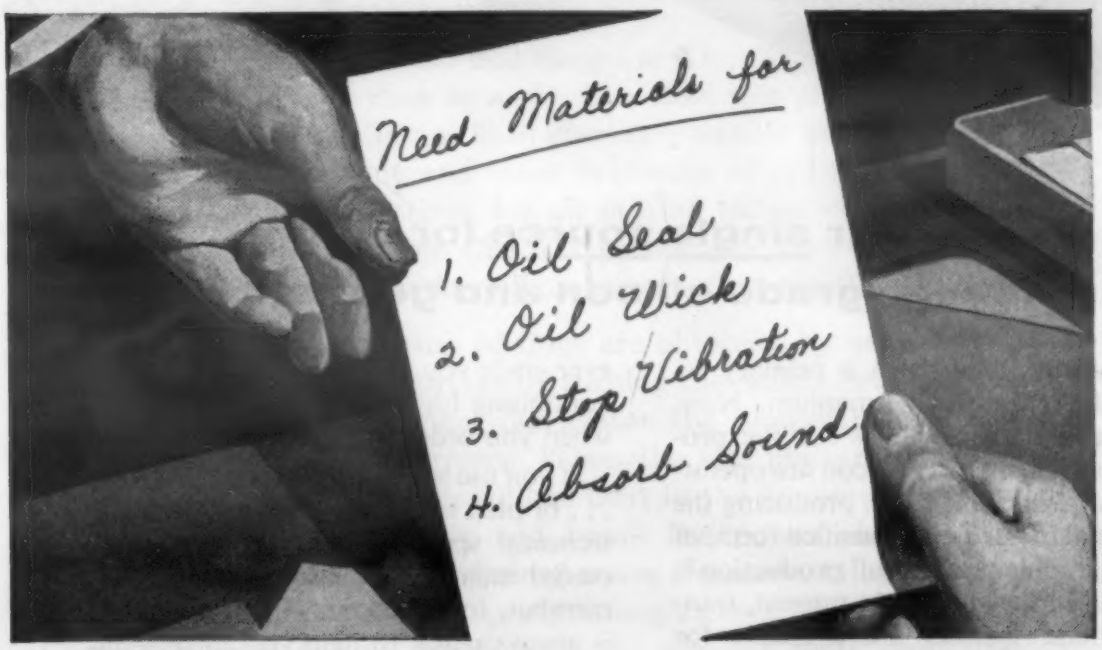

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George H. Clark, vice president and assistant to the president, Formica Co., has retired from active service with the company. He will continue his association with the company on a consultation basis.

P. W. Litchfield, chairman of the board of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., has relinquished his responsibilities as the company's chief executive officer and turned them over to **E. J. Thomas,** president. **T. A. Knowles** has replaced Mr. Litchfield as president of Goodyear Aircraft Corp.

Dr. W. A. Wesley has been awarded the 1955-56 Hothersall Memorial Medal by the Institute of Metal Finishing for his outstanding work in the electrodeposition field. Dr. Wesley is manager of the Research Lab., International Nickel Co., Inc.

Henry K. Norton has been elected chairman of the board of directors, Walter Kidde Nuclear Laboratories, Inc.

Arthur O. Black has been elected president of Magnetics, Inc.

Erwin W. Brown has been promoted to general manager in charge of plastics, Irvington Varnish & Insulator Div., Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co.

W. D. Kleppinger has been appointed executive assistant to the president of Mycalex Corp. of America and associated companies.

Lloyd J. Breidenbach has been made assistant general manager of Narmco Resins and Coatings Co.

Dr. James I. Hoffman has been selected to head the National Bureau of Standards' Metallurgy Div.

Benjamin F. Walkup has been advanced to the new post of chief mechanical engineer in the Administrative Engineering Dept., Owens-Illinois Glass Co. He has been assigned to the Owens-Illinois Technical Center.

Dr. Richard A. Dodd has been appointed to the faculty of the School of Metallurgical Engineering, University of Pennsylvania, as an assistant professor of metallurgical engineering.

Eugene Salinger has been made assistant general manager, Riverside Metal Div., H. K. Porter Co., Inc.

Ronald L. Loup has been appointed director of engineering for all divi-

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sions of Progressive Welder Sales Co.

Harold B. Richmond, board chairman, General Radio Co., has received the Scientific Apparatus Makers Award "in recognition of his leadership, vision and devotion to the growth and progress of the scientific instrument industry."

Dr. Murray C. Udy has become affiliated with Strategic-Udy Processes, Inc., as director of research.

Alfred H. Stullick has been appointed foundry superintendent and **Peter Jelby** chief engineer, of Superior Brass Works, Inc.

Edward T. Wayne, formerly design engineer, E. H. Titchener & Co., has been promoted to vice president and director of engineering.

Dr. Hendrik C. J. de Decker, Dr. Fedde H. D. Akkerman, and **Dr. Sjirk van der Burg** have joined the staff of the Research and Development Dept., U. S. Rubber Co. All three scientists were formerly associated with Rubber-Stichting, Delft, Holland.

Charles E. Boak has been appointed manager of the Fabricating Div., The Plume & Atwood Mfg. Co., and **John Boak,** manager of the company's Mill Div.

James M. Phillips has been elected vice-president, engineering, Salem-Brosius, Inc.

Edward C. Light has been made vice-president of Summes Gyroscope Co.'s newly formed Research and Quality Div. and a member of the board of directors.

Frank B. Jewett, Jr., has been elected a vice president and a member of the board of directors, Vitro Corp. of America.

Roger F. Waindle, president, Wai-Met Engineering Co., and vice president, The Misco Corp., has been sworn in as chief, Castings Branch, Iron and Steel Div., Business and Defense Services Administration, U. S. Dept. of Commerce.

Dr. Edward R. Weidlein has retired from the presidency of The Mellon Institute of Industrial Research. He will remain on the Board of Trustees and will be available in an advisory capacity in the administration of the Institute's research programs.

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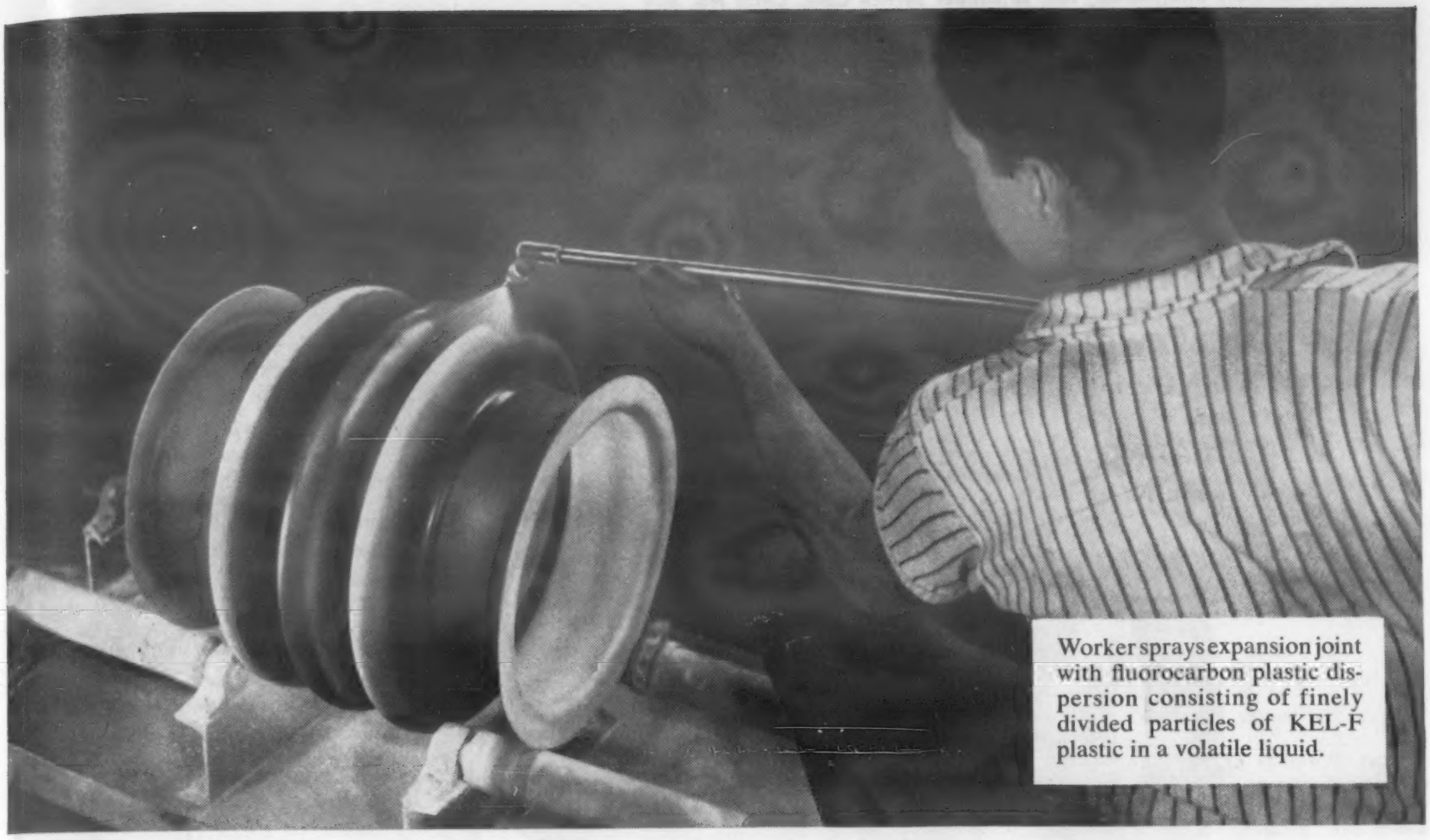

Worker sprays expansion joint with fluorocarbon plastic dispersion consisting of finely divided particles of KEL-F plastic in a volatile liquid.

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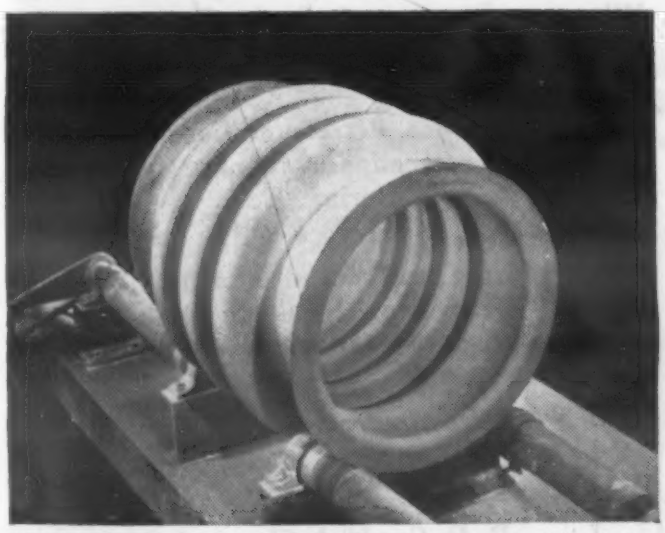

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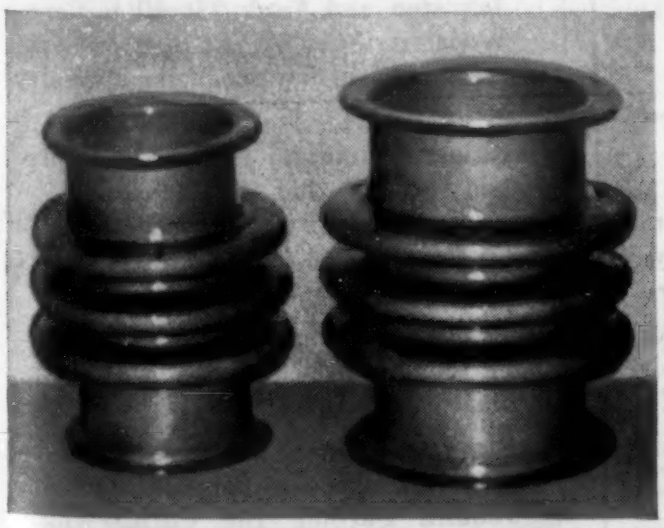

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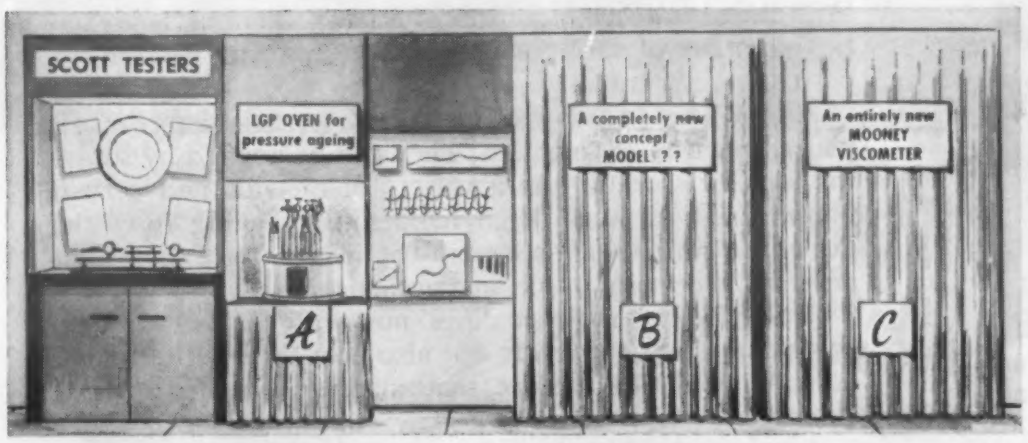

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Air Reduction Chemical Co. has begun production at its new vinyl acetate monomer plant at Calvert City, Ky.

Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. and **National Lead Co.** have announced plans for a 67% expansion of sponge production at the jointly owned **Titanium Metals Corp. of America** plant.

Aluminum Co. of America has announced plans to construct a 150,000-ton smelting plant near Evansville, Ind.

Barry Controls, Inc. has arranged to purchase all physical assets of **U. S. Sheet Metal Products Co.** The newly acquired plant will operate as the Western Div. of Barry Controls.

Basic Refractories, Inc., has changed its name to Basic, Inc.

E. W. Bliss Co. has purchased controlling interest in **Matteson Equipment Co.**

Borden Co. has acquired **Resin Industries** of Santa Barbara, Calif., which will be operated as a wholly owned subsidiary.

Cosden Petroleum Corp. has begun construction of its new styrene plant at Big Spring, Tex.

Foote Mineral Co. has announced that the exchange of 169,178 of its shares for the assets and business of **Electro Manganese Corp.** has been completed.

Ford Instrument Co. has revealed the formation of a new Missile Development Div.

B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co. has announced an $8,000,000 expansion program for its Avon Lake, Ohio, plant.

Johnston and Funk Titanium Corp., Wooster, Ohio, was organized recently and is now producing specialty titanium wire.

Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp. has revealed that it will expand the primary aluminum capacity of its Chalmette, La., reduction plant by 55 million pounds annually.

The Masland Duraleather Co. has reported its entry into the rigid vinyl plastic field.

Pratt & Whitney Co., Inc., has purchased the assets and business of **Jaquith Carbide Die Corp.,** which will be operated as Jaquith Carbide Div.

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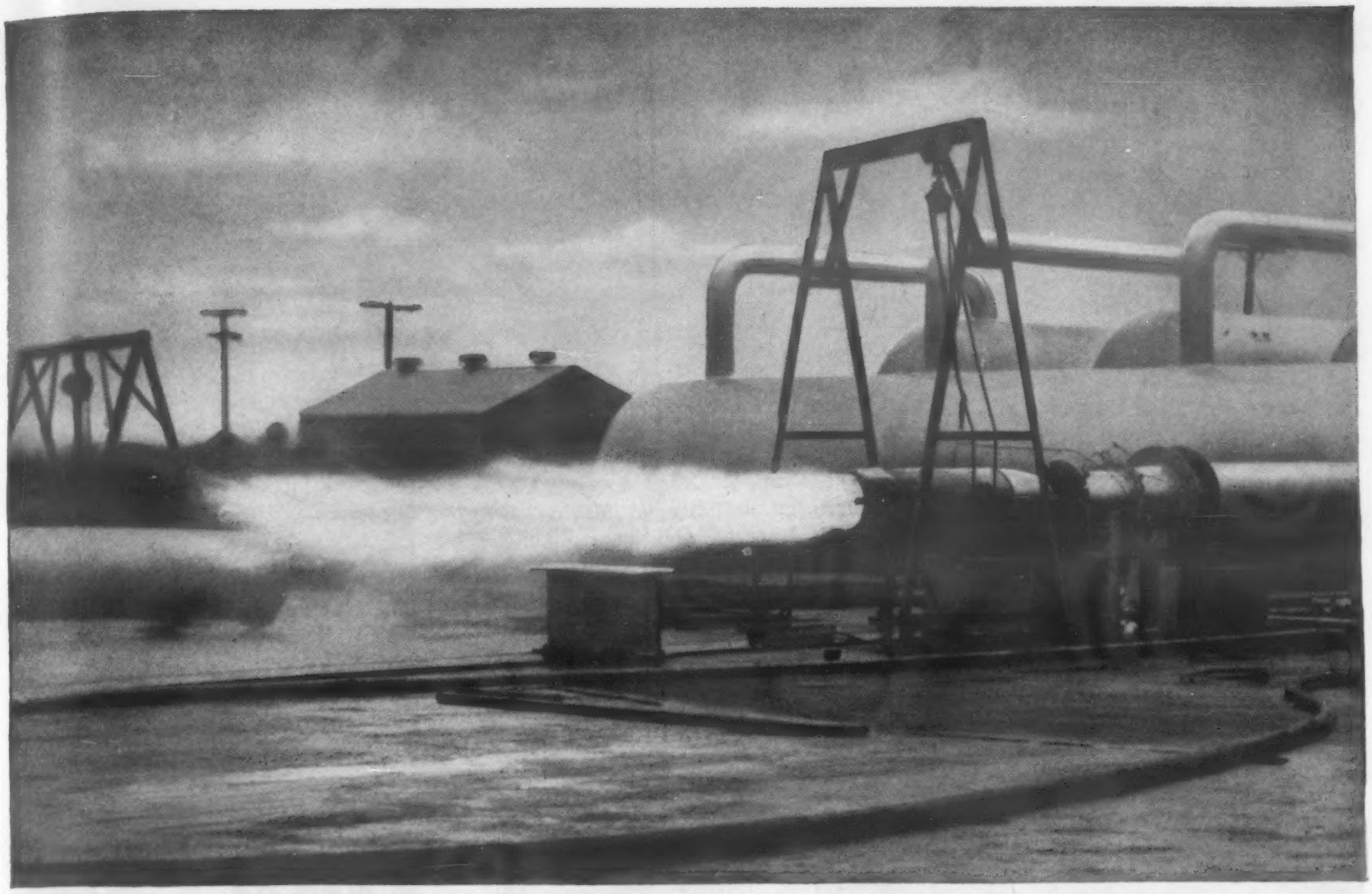

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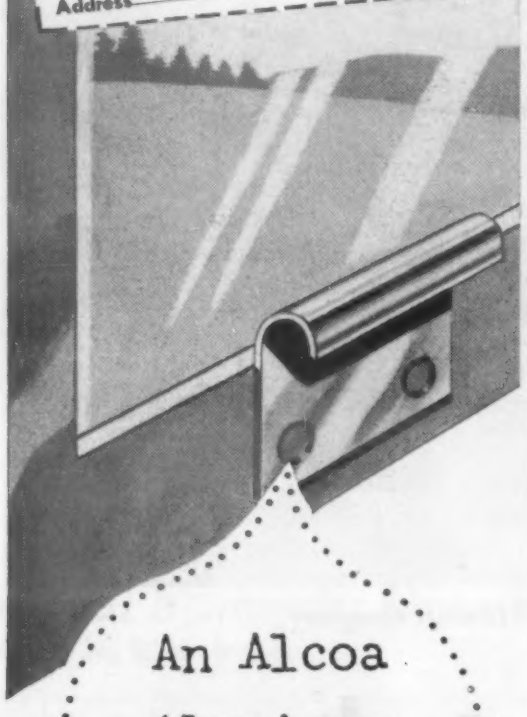

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The American Society of Mechanical Engineers has named John Thomas Reid as research manager.

The American Zinc Institute has elected the following directors for the term ending April, 1959: K. C. Brownell and S. D. Strauss, American Smelting & Refining Co.; E. R. Dondorf, National Lead Co.; Andrew Fletcher and C. R. Ince, St. Joseph Lead Co.; G. H. LeFevre, U. S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.; W. H. Leverett, National Zinc Co., Inc.; E. S. McGlone, Anaconda Co.; E. H. Snyder, Combined Metals Reduction Co.; and Jean Vuillequez, The American Metal Co., Ltd.

The Investment Casting Institute has elected as a director William I. Matthes, executive vice president of Arwood Precision Casting Co.

The National Screw Machine Products Assn. has awarded three of its members gold plated and engraved measuring micrometers, signifying the completion of 40 years connected with the screw machine products industry, of which at least 20 were in an executive position. Those honored were Harry L. Adams, vice president and general manager, Weatherhead Co. of Canada; William E. Bechmann, Western Machine Co.; and Henry A. Mueller, president, Mueller Machine Products, Inc.

The Association has also elected the following officers: Clarence A. Button, assistant to the executive vice president, Mueller Brass Co., as president; Dana B. Jefferson, Jr., president, Walker Manufacturing Co., as vice president; and Leonard R. Schaffer, president and treasurer, Mechanical Art Works, Inc., as treasurer. Orrin B. Werntz was re-elected executive vice president, and Margaret S. Ballinger was re-elected secretary.

The Scientific Apparatus Makers Assn., at its recent annual meeting, re-elected its president, Henry F. Dever. Mr. Dever is president of the Brown Instrument Div., Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co. R. E. Welch, vice president and treasurer, W. M. Welch Manufacturing Co., was re-elected president pro tempore, and T. M. Mints, president, E. H. Sargent and Co., was re-elected treasurer.

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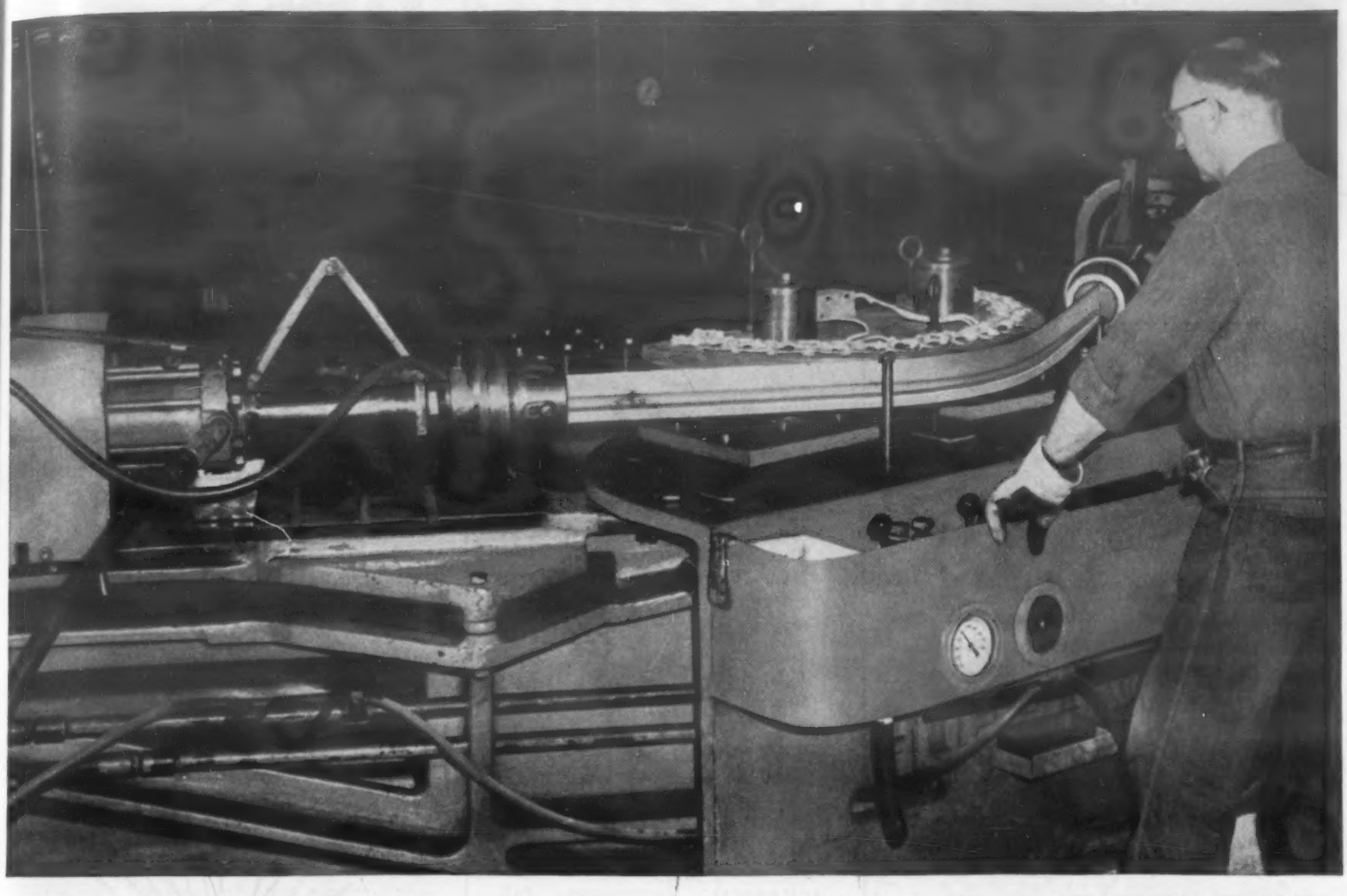

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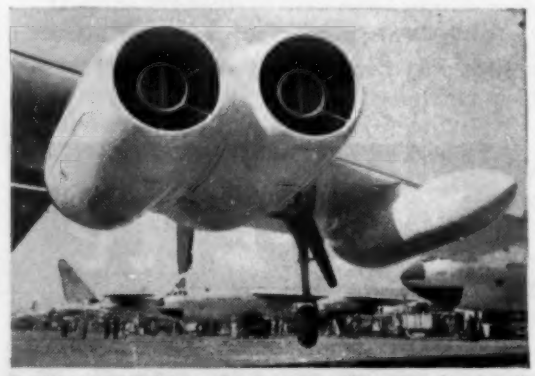

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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, Applied Mechanics Div. conference. Urbana, Ill. June 14-16.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, semi-annual meeting. Cleveland. June 17-21.

AMERICAN ELECTROPLATERS' SOCIETY, annual convention. Washington, D. C. June 17-21.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING MATERIALS, annual meeting. Atlantic City. June 18-22.

ALLOY CASTING INSTITUTE, annual meeting. Hot Springs, Va. June 24-26.

DROP FORGING ASSN., annual meeting. Hot Springs, Va. June 24-27.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, summer and Pacific general meeting. San Francisco. June 25-29.

SOCIETY OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY, Plastic Structures Div. conference. New York. June 26.

PORCELAIN ENAMEL INSTITUTE, porcelain enamel on aluminum conference. Cleveland. June 27.

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS, West Coast meeting. San Francisco. Aug 6-8.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, fall meeting. Denver. Sep 10-12.

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS, tractor meeting and production forum. Milwaukee. Sep 10-13.

AMERICAN DIE CASTING INSTITUTE, annual meeting. Chicago. Sep 11-13.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING MATERIALS, Pacific Coast meeting. Los Angeles. Sep 16-22.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, Instruments and Regulators Div., and Instrument Society of America, exhibit and joint conference. New York. Sep 17-21.

PORCELAIN ENAMEL INSTITUTE, annual meeting. Colorado Springs, Colo. Sep 19-21.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, petroleum-mechanical engineering conference. Dallas, Tex. Sep 23-26.

STEEL FOUNDERS' SOCIETY OF AMERICA, fall meeting White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Sep 24-25.

ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL FORUM, trade fair. Chicago. Sep 24-28.

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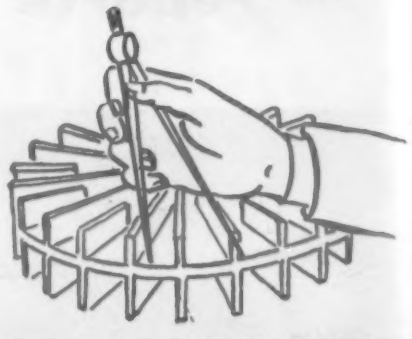

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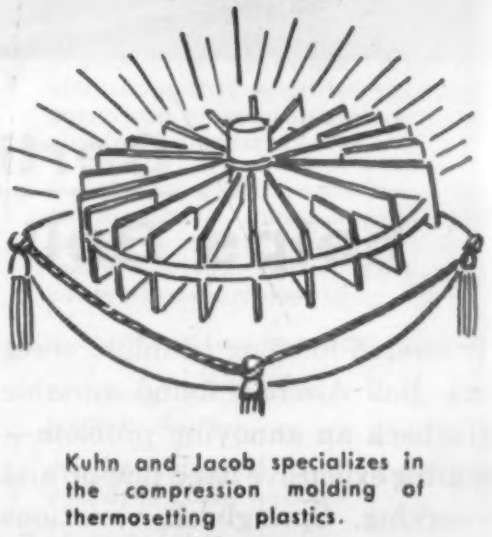

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NUMBER III—Lustrous, Corrosion-Resistant Finishing with Chemical Polishing Iridite

WHAT IS IRIDITE®?

Briefly, Iridite is the tradename for a specialized line of chromate conversion finishes. They are generally applied by dip, some by brush or spray, at or near room temperature, with automatic equipment or manual finishing facilities. During application, a chemical reaction occurs that produces a thin (.00002" max.) gel-like, complex chromate film of a non-porous nature on the surface of the metal. This film is an integral part of the metal itself, thus cannot flake, chip or peel. No special equipment, exhaust systems or specially trained personnel are required.

Chromate conversion coatings are widely accepted throughout industry as an economical means of providing corrosion protection, a good base for paint and decorative finishes for non-ferrous metals. Certain of these coatings also possess chemical polishing abilities that have luster-producing, as well as corrosion-inhibiting, effects on zinc and cadmium plate, zinc die castings and copper alloys. However, continued developments in this field have been so rapid that many manufacturers may not be completely aware of the breadth of application of this type of finish. Hence, this discussion of the many ways in which this chemical polishing characteristic can be used in final finishing or pre-plating treatments to produce a lustrous appearance with distinct display and sales appeal and appreciable savings in cost. Report I on decorative, corrosion-resistant finishes and Report II on paint base corrosion-resistant finishes are available on request.

The degree of luster possible on a surface is a function of the degree to which the surface can be smoothed. Leveling to provide a smooth surface can be achieved by mechanical or chemical means, or a combination of these, depending upon the luster desired and the original condition of the metal. Chemical polishing effectively imparts luster otherwise difficult and costly to obtain. For this reason, it is often used to supplement or entirely replace mechanical polishing, depending upon the application and the original condition of the metal. Chemical polishing has the additional advantage of providing overall treatment of the submerged part. It reaches into even the deepest corners and recesses that are otherwise inaccessible. Certain of the Iridites are specifically designed to perform this chemical polishing operation. Also, they provide corrosion protection as do all Iridites, thus may be used as a final finish or a pre-plating polish.

If Iridite is to be used as a final finish, in contrast to pre-plating treatment, the chromate conversion coating generated is allowed to remain, providing good corrosion resistance. Color inherent in these Iridite films ranges from a yellow cast to yellow iridescent. These coatings may be used without further treatment where this color is acceptable and good corrosion resistance is desired. Further, these basic coatings can be tinted by dyeing. Among the dye tints available are shades of red, yellow, blue and green. If desirable, the basic coatings can also be modified by a bleach dip leaving a clear bright or blue iridescent finish. In all cases bleaching reduces corrosion resistance.

As examples of this type of final finishing, Iridites #4-73 and #4-75 (Cast-Zinc-Brite) make possible for the first time, lustrous chemical polishing of the as-cast surface of zinc die castings. Thus, in many cases, sizeable savings in finishing cost are realized by elimination of plating costs. This economical method can be used on tools, appliance parts, toy pistols, locks and many other small castings. Another example is the treatment of copper and brass parts, such as welding tips, to eliminate buffing and provide additional corrosion resistance. In many cases, handling costs are reduced appreciably by replacing piece-part handling with bulk processing. Still another example of the use of this chemical polishing and protective quality of Iridite is a simple system of zinc plate, Iridite and clear lacquer instead of more costly electroplated finishes. Typical of this type of lustrous finish are builders hardware and wire goods.

As a pre-plating treatment, in contrast to final finishes, Iridite can be used to chemically polish zinc die castings or copper prior to plating. In such cases, Iridite should be applied as an in-process step, so that the protective film is removed before the plating cycle. The savings in handling, material and labor costs are obvious. This process has made it practical to plate chrome directly over copper on steel, conserving nickel, yet producing a lustrous chrome finish. Used after stripping faulty plate in reprocessing zinc die castings, Iridite restores luster to the casting, thus making possible replating without blistering.

Other Iridite finishes are available to produce maximum corrosion resistance, a wide variety of decorative finishes and excellent bases for paint on all commercial forms of the more commonly used non-ferrous metals. As a final finish, appearance ranges from clear bright to olive drab and brown and many films can be bleached or dyed. As a paint base Iridite provides excellent initial and retentive paint adhesion and a self-healing property which protects bare metal if exposed by scratching. Iridites have low electrical resistance. Some can be soldered and welded. The Iridite film itself does not affect the dimensional stability of close tolerance parts.

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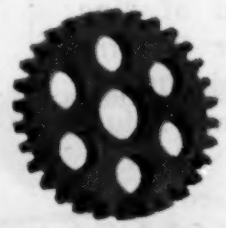

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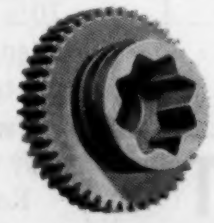

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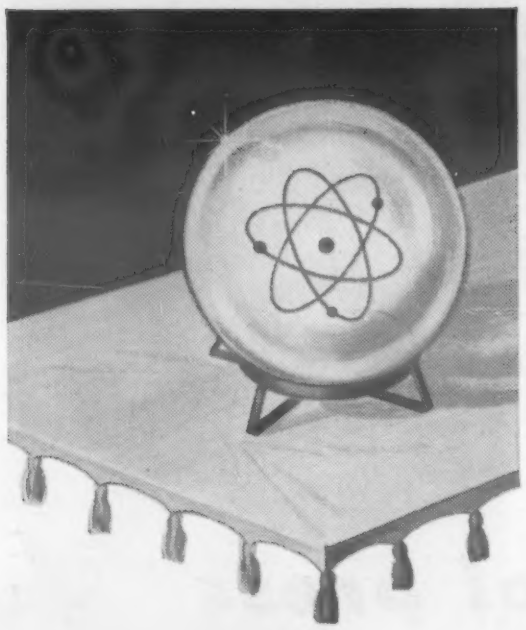

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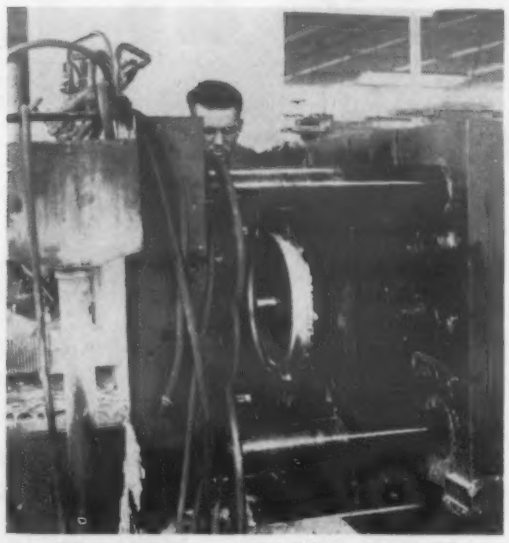

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Zinc consumption

In reviewing zinc market developments during 1955, G. H. Le Fevre, vice president of U. S. Smelting Refining and Mining Co., gave details on consumption of zinc in the major market areas. He estimated zinc consumption in the galvanizing industry at 440,000 tons. At the end of 1955, 26 continuous galvanizing lines were in operation, two were under construction, and some nine or ten more were under consideration or in the planning stage.

According to Mr. Le Fevre, the reported use of zinc in die castings stood at about 392,000 tons in 1955. The largest consumer of zinc base die castings continues to be the automobile industry. It is estimated that between 60 and 70% of the production of zinc base die castings is for this industry; between 15 and 20% is consumed by the appliance industry.

Rolled zinc and zinc used in the brass industry accounted for 145,000 and 50,000 tons of zinc respectively, during 1955. Other uses, which include stamping and forming dies, wire, powder metallurgy, electroplating, and cathodic

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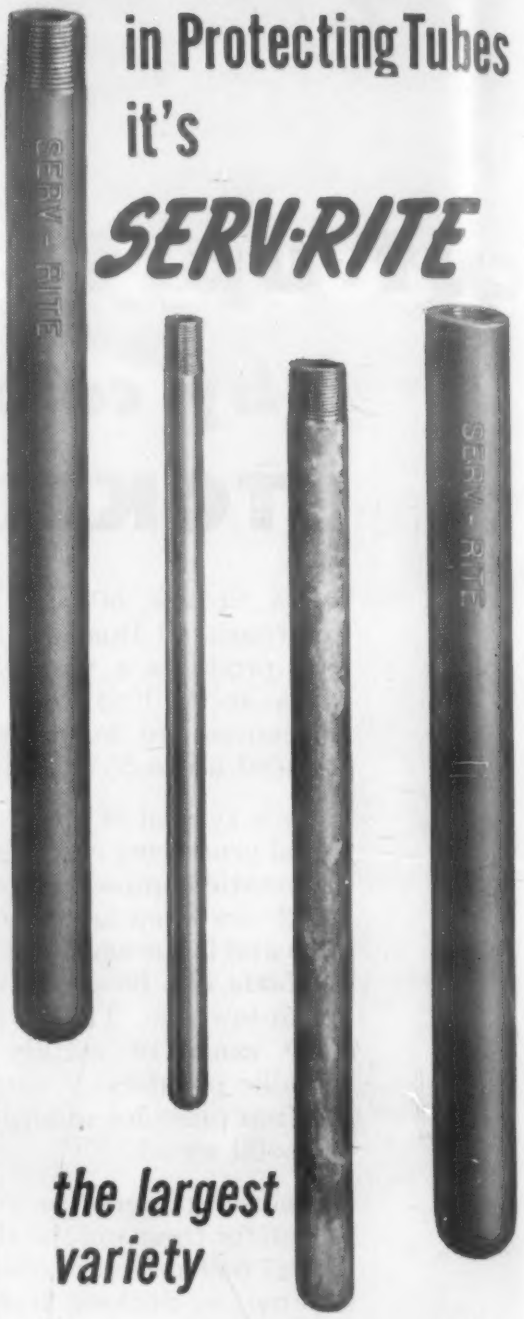

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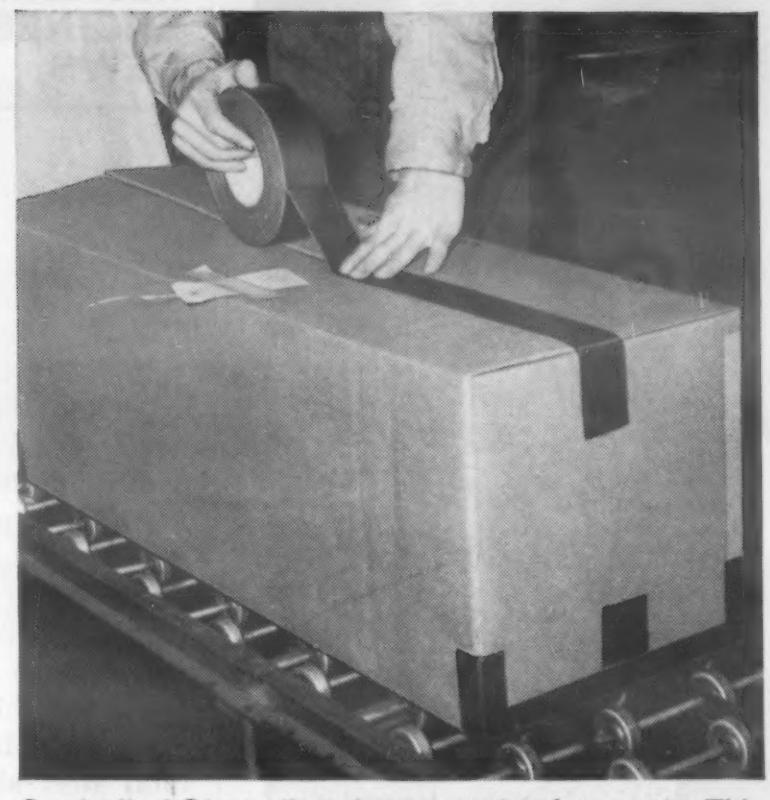

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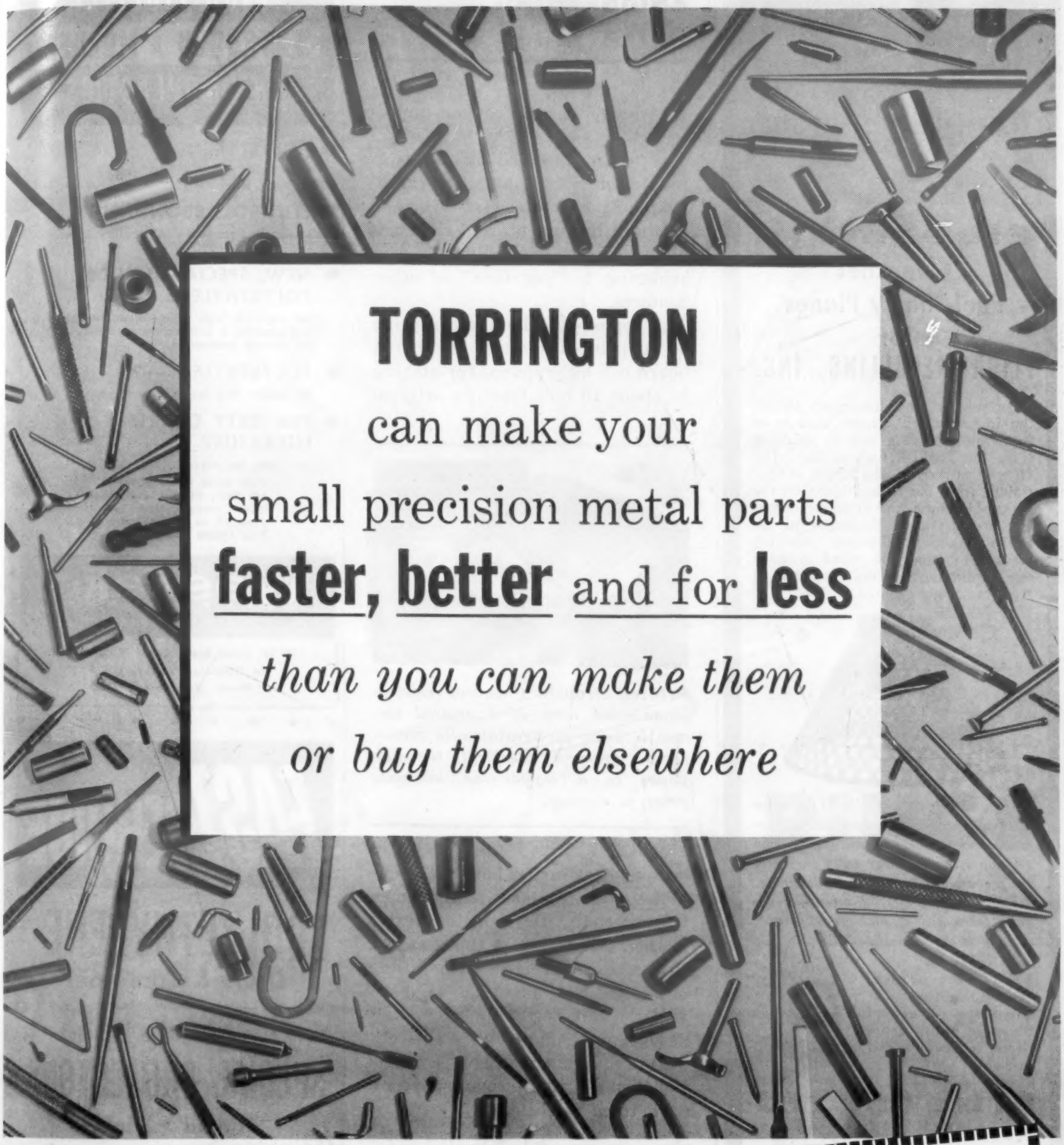

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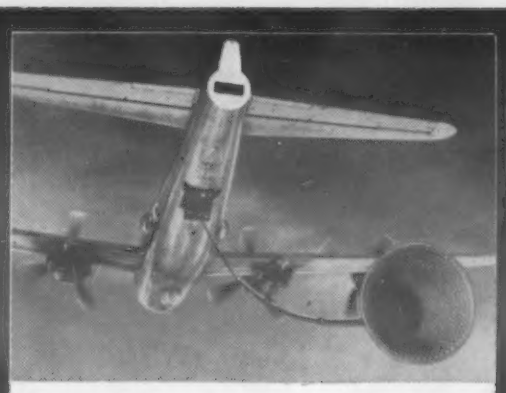

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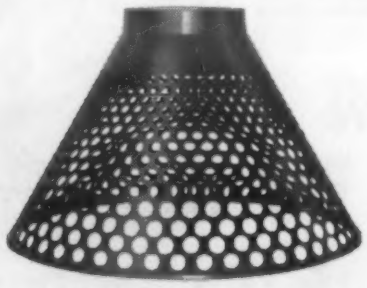

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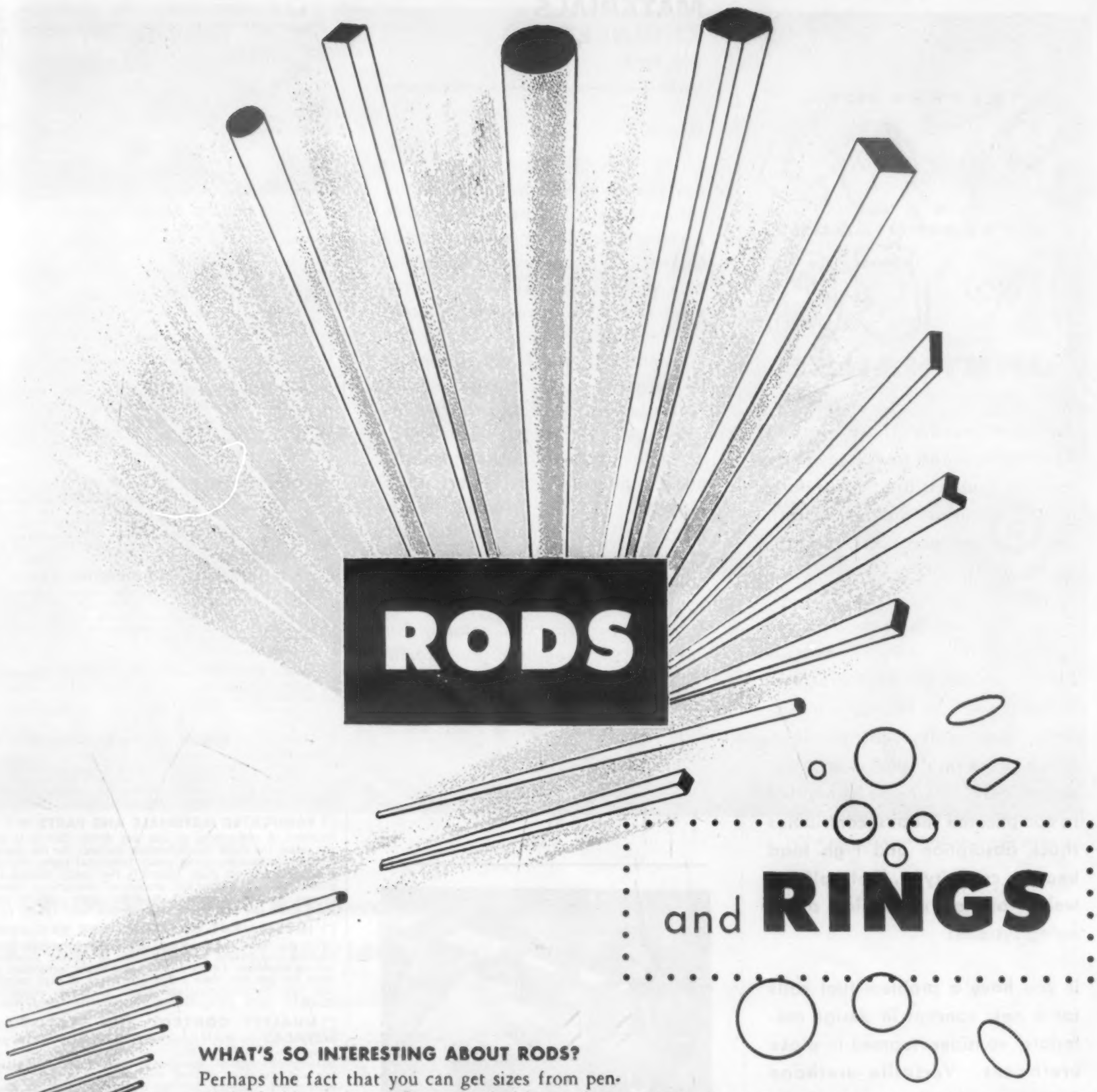

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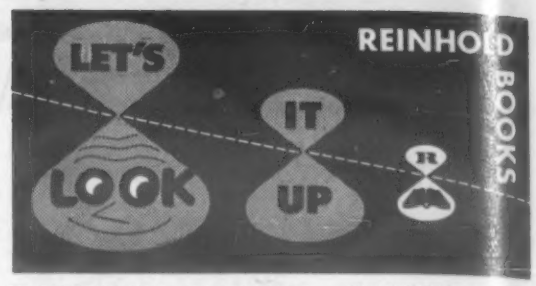

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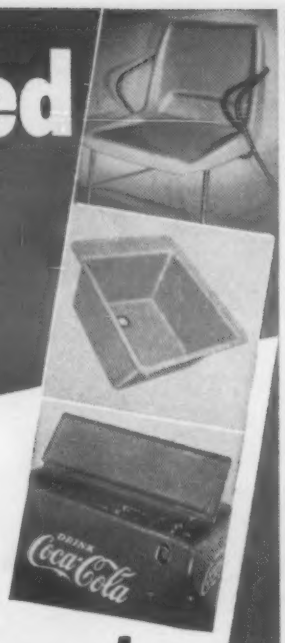

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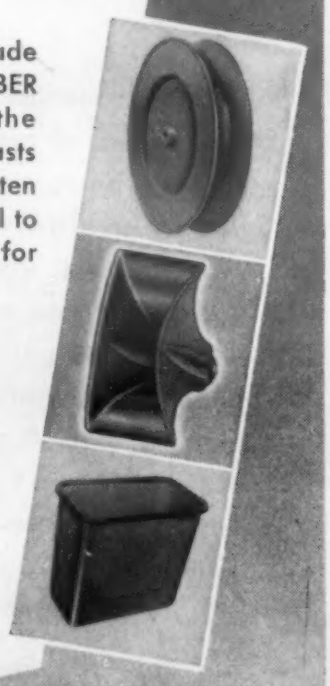

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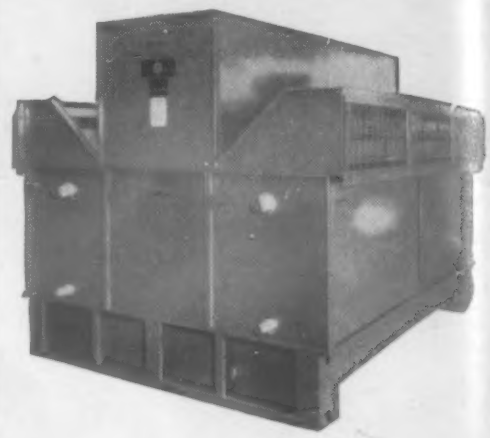
Four Movies Portray Metal Fabrication, Use

Forging, vacuum melting, steel tubing and corrosion star in industrial motion pictures released during the past month.

A full color and sound movie, entitled, "The Shape of Things," uses the Forging & Casting Plant of Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. as its locale. Although the movie is designed for those interested in knowing more about the facilities and operations of the forging plant, such items as forging techniques, special anvil die work, the making of composite die sections, and general and special foundry practices are also covered. Copies of "The Shape of Things" are available for showing on request to the Advertising Dept., Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp., 2020 Oliver Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

Another color film, produced by the Metals Div. of Utica Drop Forge & Tool Corp., traces the complete process of vacuum melting. Beginning at the conference table where the melt content is discussed, the route is traced through test melt to finished ingot. This film may be obtained from



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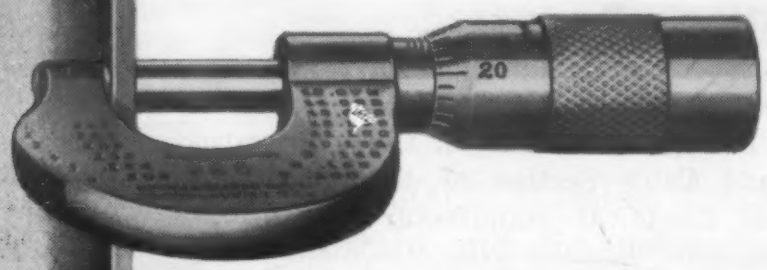

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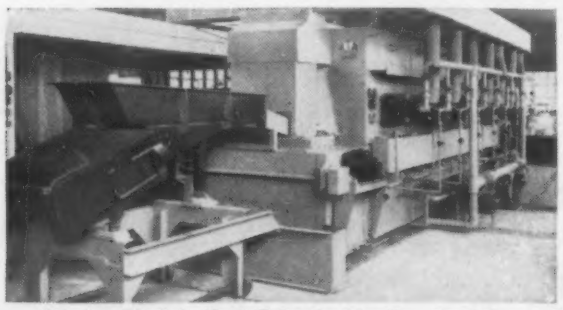

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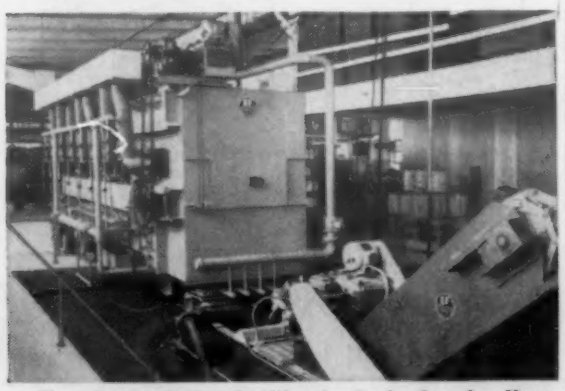

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"The Leading Role" demonstrates the advantages of the tube as a structural form. The black and white film illustrates how welded steel tubing is made, shows many different uses for it, and shows, as a typical example, the fabrication of tubing into an automobile rear axle housing. The film has been released by Formed Steel Tube Institute, 850 Hanna Bldg., Cleveland 15, Ohio.

The American Zinc Institute uses animation and color to demonstrate how zinc controls corrosion of iron and steel. The film, "Zinc Controls Corrosion," explains methods for coating steel stock or products with zinc and surveys the various fields of usefulness for zinc coated parts. Topics covered include the new continuous galvanizing lines, hot dip galvanizing of large structural parts, zinc cathodic protection, metallizing, sherardizing and painting. The film can be obtained from the Institute, 60 E. 42nd St., New York, N. Y.

Copper and Aluminum Situations Compared

Copper and aluminum figured prominently in discussions held during the spring meeting of the Wire and Cable Section of the National Electrical Manufacturers Assn.

Copper: unfavorable

"The behavior of the copper market has confounded the prophets and confused the experts," according to Joseph Zimmerman, editor-in-chief of the *Daily Metal Reporter*. Last year saw the price of copper rise from 30¢ per lb to 43¢ per lb. The present price, 46¢ per lb, is the highest at which copper has sold since Civil War days.

Dr. Zimmerman laid the cause of this situation to the high demand for copper both here and abroad, to fear of shortages, and to pressures by the Chilean Government. He also cited last year's

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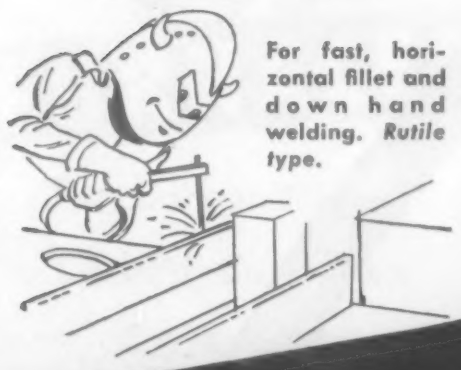

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crippling strikes in Northern Rhodesia, Chile and the United States that caused a loss in production of about 160,000 tons.

The present price confusion in copper is greater and more serious than it has ever been before, Dr. Zimmerman observed. Copper producers themselves are not particularly happy with the high price and some have been trying to bring the price back to what they regard a reasonable level. They may succeed in doing this if there are no strikes in the copper producing industry this year, he concluded.

Aluminum: favorable

By 1960 the amount of aluminum used in electrical applications will be almost 60% greater than in 1955. This was the forecast of Irving Lipkowitz, assistant to the president of Reynolds Metals Co. The gain, he said, would total 350,000 tons and would represent an increase of 162% over the amount of aluminum used in electrical applications in 1950.

Mr. Lipkowitz said that the total aluminum supply had increased 87% during the past five years. Even more important, the supply outlook far into the future is brighter for aluminum than for copper. The known economic reserves of aluminum ore are much larger and of a higher grade than those of copper ore. Also, aluminum ores now being used are 29 times as rich in metal content as the copper ores.

While the supply of aluminum has steadily increased, its price has undergone a revolution in the past 15 years. Just before World War II, the base price per pound of aluminum was 80% higher than that of copper. Today, aluminum is 48% lower in price than copper on a per pound basis. On a use basis, with one pound of aluminum doing the electrical work of two pounds of copper, aluminum is 74% lower in price than an equivalent amount of copper.

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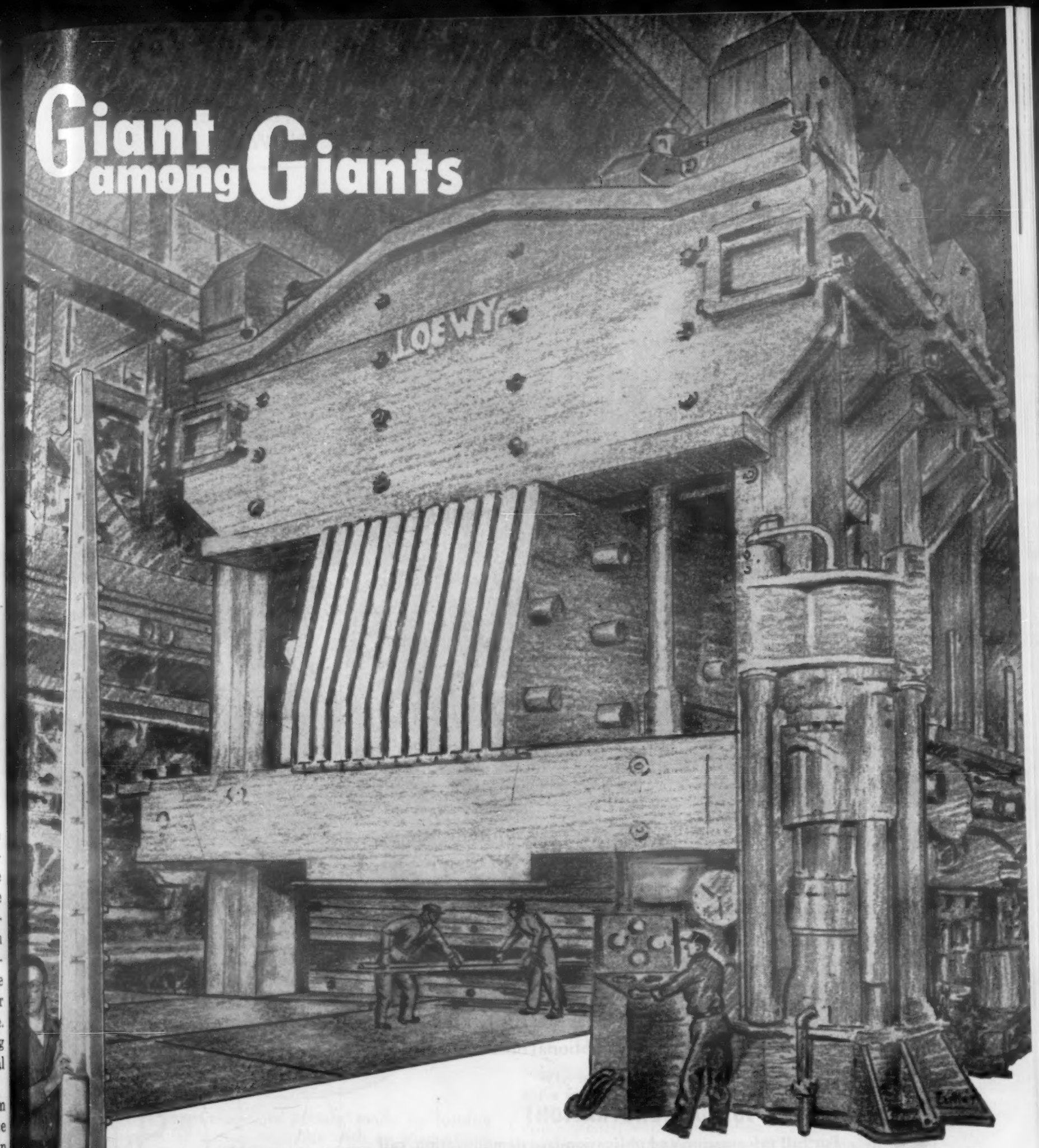
Giant among Giants



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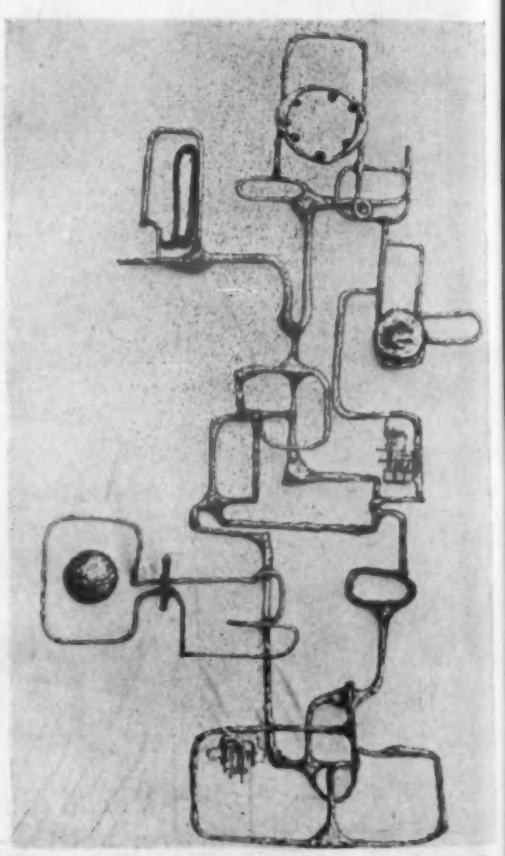
The course will consist of both lectures and laboratory experiments, and will be divided into six parts: investment materials; gating and risering (mold design); melting, refining and degassing; properties of heat resistant alloys; new techniques and developments; and a seminar on precision casting methods, methods of instrumentation, furnace design, furnace atmospheres and desirable thermal cycles.



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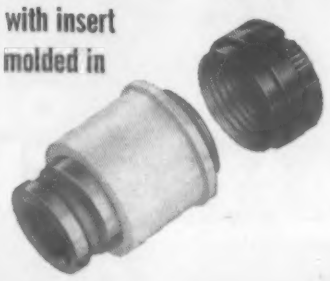

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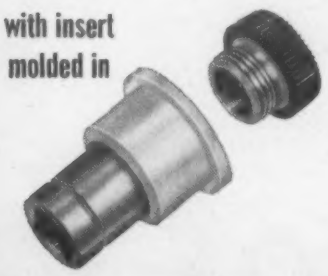

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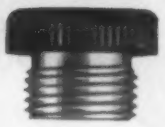

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for the specific application mentioned. The limited tests that have been made indicate that in many respects these steels are comparable to the standard nickel-chromium steels. However, the producers may have later and better data.

Porcelain enamel

To the Editor:

With very great interest I read your report in MATERIALS & METHODS on "What's New in Porcelain Enamel?" My interest is especially in connection with the application of porcelain for coating water-heaters. During my last visit to America I saw the excellent performances of these heaters which in connection with the cathodic protection are indeed a superior way to manufacture corrosion resistant tanks.

As one of my clients in this country is preparing to manufacture glasslined tanks and as we want to use all the experience which has been made in America, I shall be very much indebted to you if you could tell me what company to contact in order to get American frits for coating steel tanks.

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Materials problem

To the Editor:

We wonder if you could supply us with the names of suppliers of material and equipment to solve the following problem.

We have a regular No. 18 two conductor parallel cord with plastic insulation. The two leads are to be connected to low temperature electric heating cables with Geon plastic insulation of about the same diameter as is used in the conductor cord. We wish to mold some kind of a plastic button or closure over the joint so as to provide insulation and give a finished appearance to the product.

What we need is the names of suppliers of a suitable molding plastic for such an application; also the names of suppliers of equipment to do the molding.

T. C. RUSSELL
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Chicago, Ill.

From here it sounds as though a room temperature-curing epoxy splicing compound, with its good dielectric characteristics and its high degree of adherence, might turn the trick. Perhaps some of our readers have encountered a similar application and could make more specific suggestions as to both materials and equipment.

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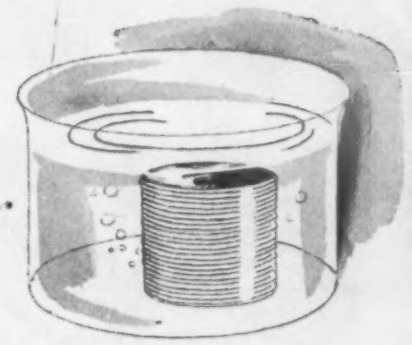

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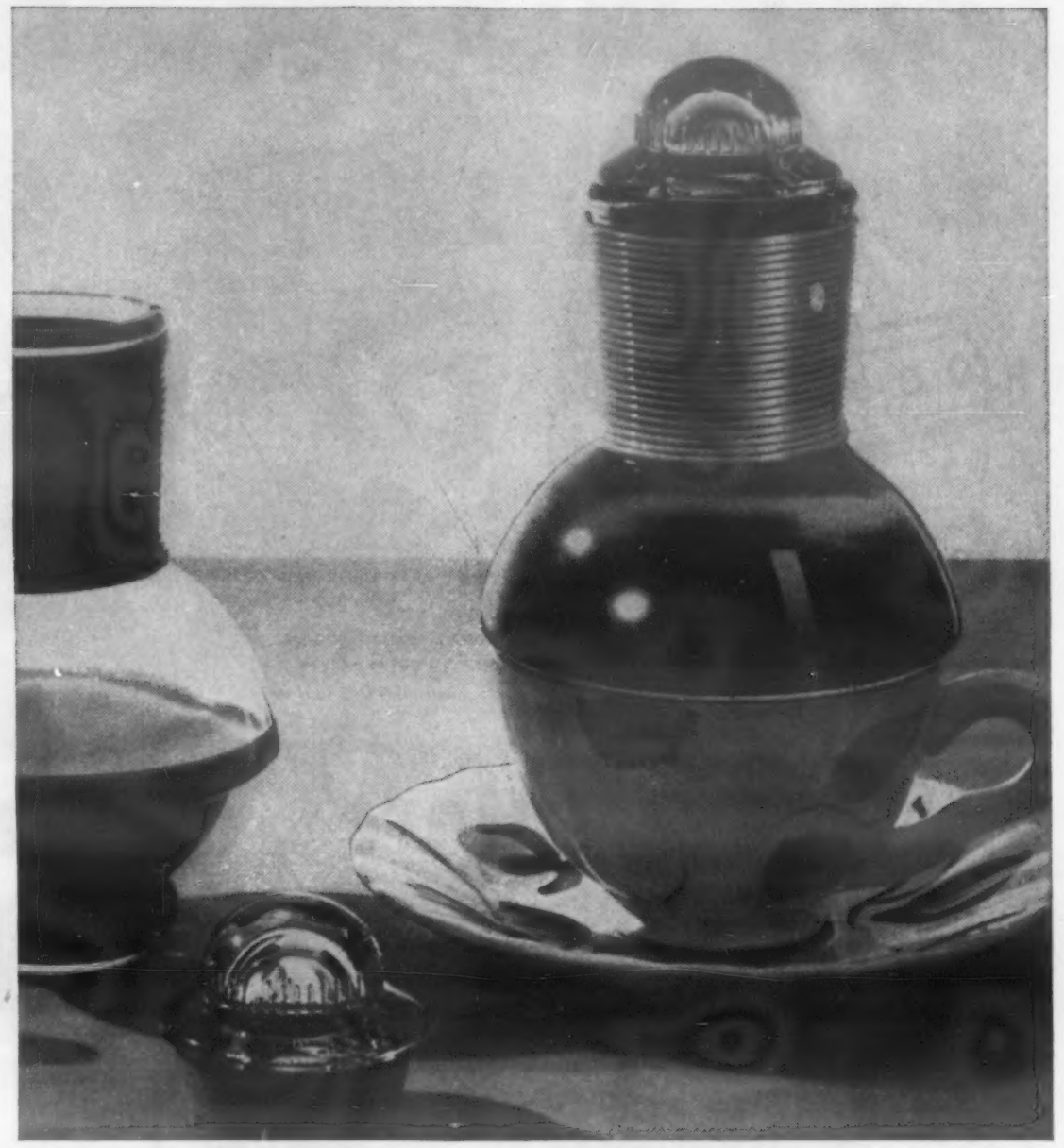

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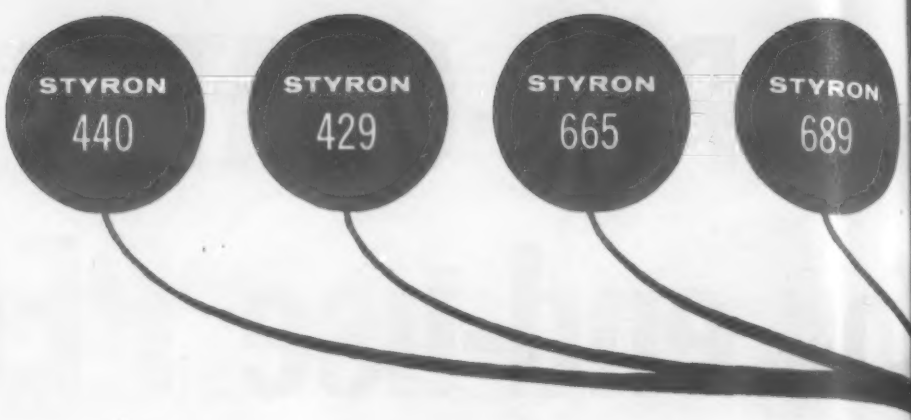

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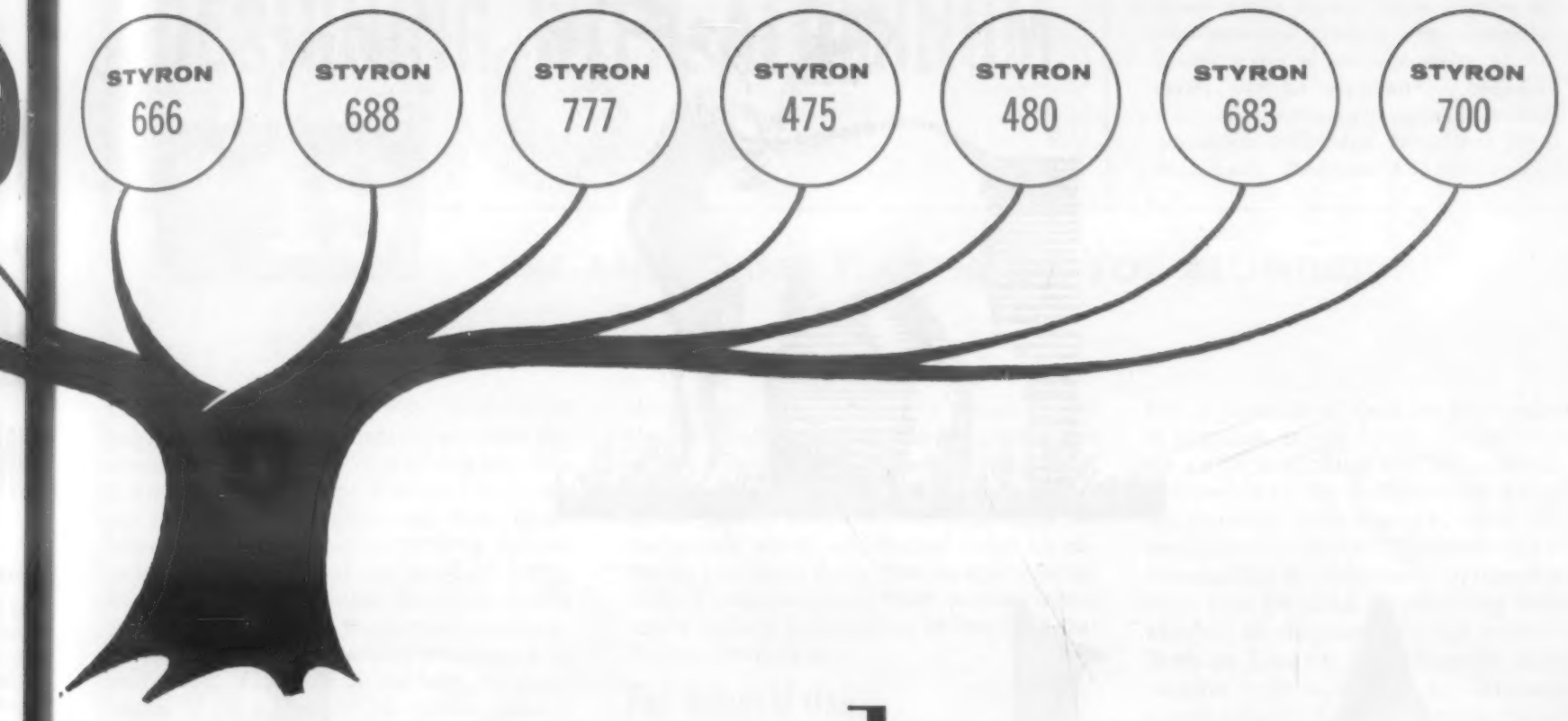

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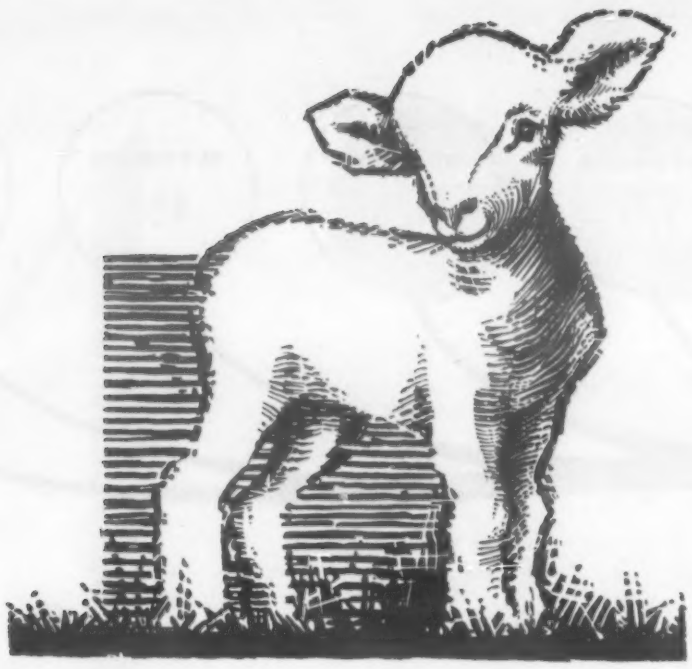

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PRE-ANODIZING TREATMENTS FOR ALUMINUM

One of the many surface treatments being used for aluminum products is the controlled formation of a relatively thin but durable oxide film. Films of this type are called anodic films and their qualities may be varied according to the particular end use of the product being manufactured. Because they are stable in many natural and man-made environments, they offer excellent resistance to corrosion. Through a variety of processes, it is possible to make anodic coatings that offer attractive decorative finishes, that resist abrasion or that act as electrical insulation. Certain anodic finishes are being dyed to create some of the most brilliant colors available in metal products.

Anodic coatings are fairly simple to apply. The process consists of passing an electric current between the metal and an acid solution in which the metal is immersed. However, surface contaminants that are unavoidable during fabrication will affect the coating adversely if they are not removed before anodizing. Oil and metal contaminants picked up by the aluminum surface will cause darkening or streaking of the anodic film and may even inhibit its formation. Therefore simple pre-anodizing treatments are of great importance in obtaining a uniform, continuous anodic film. The choice of the optimum treatment depends upon the ultimate purpose of the anodic coating.

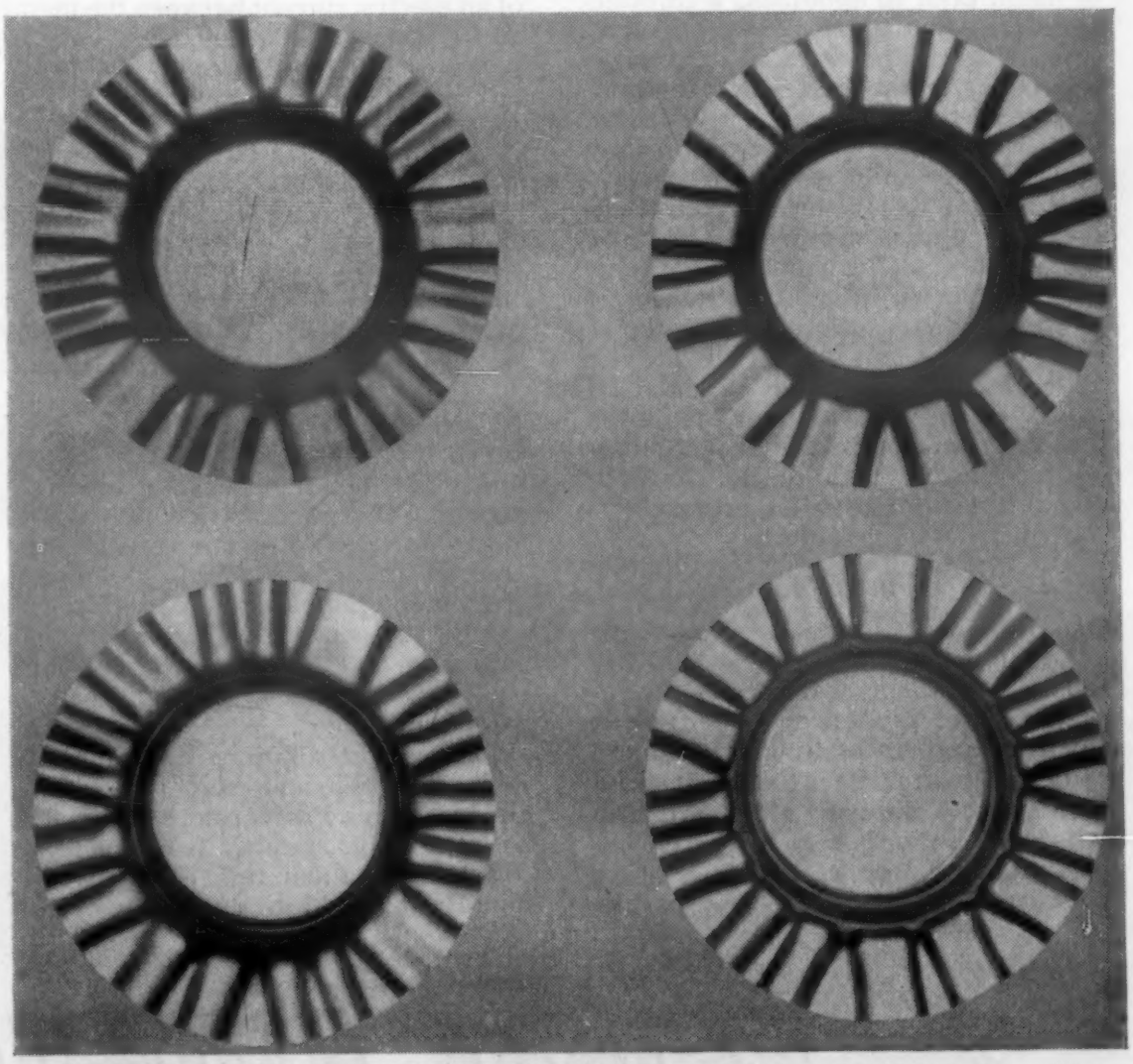
If heavy soil or grease are present, their removal by vapor degreasing or an inhibited alkaline cleaner should be the first step in any pre-anodizing treatment. Both of these cleaning methods are relatively inexpensive, require little handling and may be used to clean inaccessible surfaces thoroughly.

Vapor degreasing may be done by either a batch method or as part of a continuous processing line. The metal to be cleaned is passed vertically through a vaporized solvent such as trichlorethylene or perchlorethylene. In less than a minute the vapor, which condenses on the cool metal and runs off, effectively removes normal soil. When the oily or greasy contamination is extremely heavy, the metal may be wiped with a solvent before entering the vapor degreaser.

Inhibited alkaline cleaners, 4 to 8 oz. per gallon of water, are generally operated at 160F to 180F. The metal to be cleaned may be sprayed or immersed in the solution for two to five minutes, after which it is rinsed in water. When cleaning parts that have small crevices, a quick dip in dilute nitric acid may be necessary as an additional rinse to remove residues from the cleaning solution. These parts are then water rinsed again before proceeding to the next finishing treatment.

For General Use

A caustic etch is one of the more common treatments used for preparing aluminum surfaces for anodizing. A typical bath would contain five per cent caustic soda. Numerous proprietary compounds of this type are available. The metal to be etched is immersed in this bath, which is usually maintained at 160F, for a period of two to five minutes. A lustrous, satiny finish can be obtained by caustic etching certain alloys, and the depth of the etch can be controlled by varying temperature, time or concentration of caustic. Variations in either the etching conditions or in the etchants may also be used for creating different shades, or degrees of total reflectivity. Sodium fluoride is frequently added to caustic etch solutions to obtain a desired effect. This addition imparts a finer, more uniform etch to the aluminum surface.



TOP: Anodized and dyed ashtrays. BOTTOM: Anodized natural color ashtrays. Normal good pre-anodizing treatment was used on ashtrays at left; normal good pre-anodizing treatment, plus Kaiser Aluminum bright dip, used on ashtrays at right.

Still finer etching can be obtained by using an acid fluoride bath which produces a white surface that has high total reflectivity. A solution of this type,

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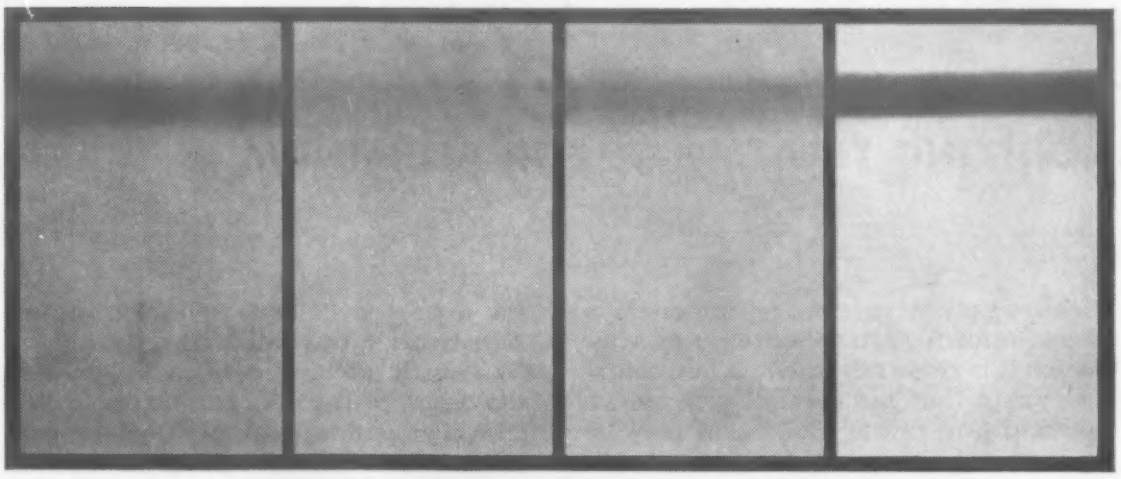


Alloy 5357 sheet anodized after various pretreatments. Note differences in specular reflectivity shown by black bar mirrored on surfaces.

which is used in finishing diffuse light reflectors, is made of a mixture of sulfuric and hydrofluoric acids.

For Minimum Loss of Metal

To clean aluminum with a minimum loss of metal prior to anodizing, a chromic-sulfuric acid mixture is used. This mixture effectively removes oil stain, oxide and heavy metal inclusions. However, it attacks the aluminum only slowly. Consequently, the anodized surface may not appear as uniform as a surface prepared with a caustic or acid etch treatment. A typical mixture of this type would contain 3.5% by weight chromic acid (anhydride) and 17.5% by weight of concentrated sulfuric acid (specific gravity 1.84). The bath is operated at 180F, and the aluminum is immersed in it for about five minutes. As in the case of caustic or acid etching, the operation can be controlled by changing any of the variables in the process.

For Decorative Purposes

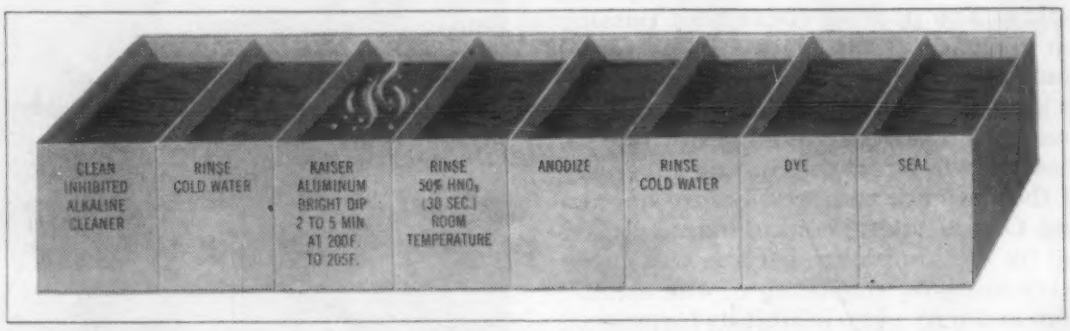
One of the chief purposes of anodizing aluminum is to provide a clear, highly reflective coating for decorative applications. The appearance of giftware, electrical appliances, automobiles, and many other products is being enhanced with brightly anodized aluminum trim of a functional or purely decorative nature. In many products, dyes are being used to add color to this metallic sparkle.

To create this attractive anodized finish the brightening process which precedes anodizing must have a uniform action across the entire surface of the metal. Several types of brightening processes are available. An electrochemical process, requiring the passage of an electric current between the metal and a special acid or alkaline bath in which it is immersed, is used on such highly polished items as light beam reflectors. Concentrated acid baths requiring no electricity during immersion may be used for cleaning and brightening a great many aluminum alloys. Unfortunately, these processes are somewhat expensive and the fumes given off during operation can create a hazard to workmen.

Dilute acid solutions are generally easier to handle and are quite effective on most alloys. Furthermore, dilute acid baths are considerably less expensive to prepare and maintain. Kaiser Aluminum Bright Dip, introduced a few years ago, is a dilute acid brightener which is being used by many anodizers of aluminum end products that depend on a pleasing appearance to increase their sales appeal.

Normal dipping time for Kaiser Aluminum Bright Dip is two to five minutes, and the bath is maintained at 200F to 205F. A flow sheet for using this Bright Dip in finishing an aluminum item which was to be color-anodized would include these steps:

1. Clean
   Inhibited alkaline cleaner
2. Rinse in cold water
3. Kaiser Aluminum Bright Dip
   2 to 5 minutes at 200F to 205F
4. 50% HNO_3 rinse (30 sec.)
   room temperature
5. Rinse in cold water
6. Anodize
7. Rinse in cold water
8. Dye
9. Seal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ANODIZE
RINSE COLD WATER
DYE
SEAL

For other applications, such as in the architectural field, specialized anodizing techniques may be required. Techniques of this sort are the subject of continuous study by Kaiser Aluminum's Department of Metallurgical Research. Further information concerning pre-anodizing treatments may be obtained by contacting the Kaiser Aluminum sales office listed in your telephone directory, or one of our many distributors. Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Sales, Inc., *General Sales Office*, Palmolive Bldg., 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 11, Illinois; *Executive Office*, 7776 Kaiser Bldg., Oakland 12, California.

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Gears and housing of ZYTEL® nylon resin permit simplified, more compact paintbrush-cleaner design

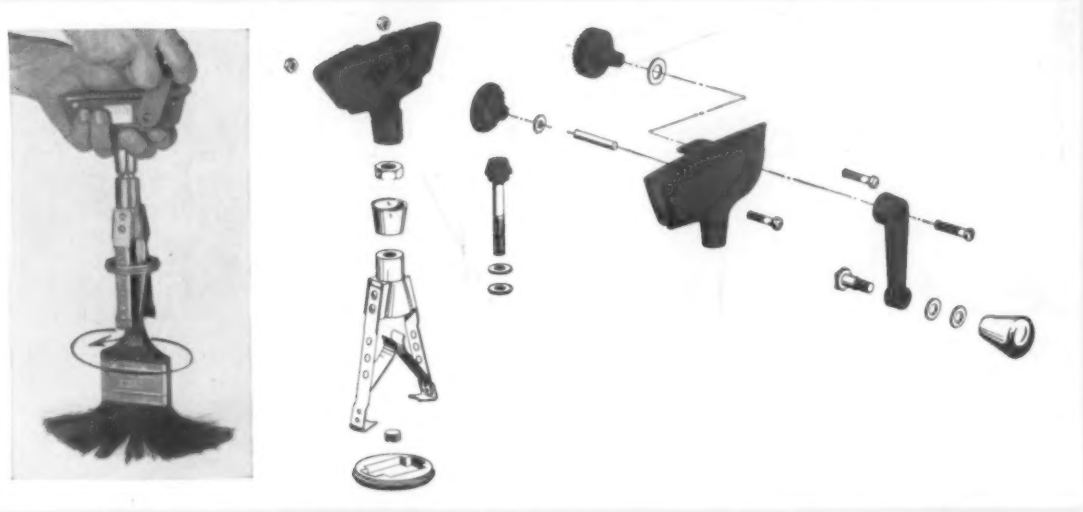


Photo of "Spin-A-Brush" cleaner in use, with exploded view showing parts of "Zytel" in red. (Parts molded by Process Gear Company and Chicago Molded Products. Manufactured by Portable Electric Tool Company, Chicago, Illinois.)

THIS hand-operated paintbrush cleaner has been designed for home or professional use. The lightweight, compactly designed unit will clean a paintbrush or paint roller in approximately ninety seconds.

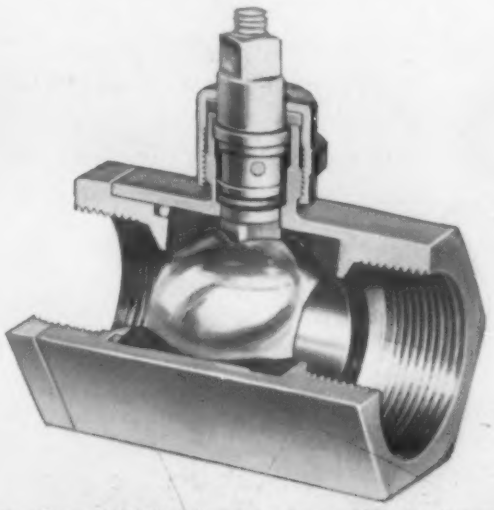
A handle actuates molded gears of "Zytel", set at a 1 to 8 ratio, which spin the brush. These smooth-operating gears of "Zytel" require no lubrication and reduce backlash considerably. A self-tapping metal screw attaches the initial gear to the handle, locking the gear securely and permanently in place.

"Zytel" nylon resin was selected for this application because it is accurately and inexpensively injection molded and requires no further finishing. The bevel gear and spur of "Zytel" mold as a unit, eliminating a costly machining and assembly operation.

The use of "Zytel" made possible an improvement in styling, in addition to substantial cost savings. The comfortable palm grip housing of "Zytel" is durable, lightweight, and impervious to ordinary solvents. Each half contains several complicated inserts, and is molded to close tolerances in one operation. The parts join neatly together without grinding. The attractive grey finish requires no polishing or buffing.

Because of its unique combination of properties, "Zytel" nylon resin does a superior job in a great variety of industrial applications. "Zytel" is distinguished by its toughness, form stability at high temperatures, and chemical resistance. Be sure to investigate Du Pont "Zytel" nylon resin. Complete property and application data are available to you without cost or obligation.

Ball valve seats of TEFLON® provide tight, long-lasting, chemically inert seals



"Double-seal" ball valve manufactured by the Jamesbury Corporation, Worcester 5, Massachusetts. Processors—Crane Packing Company, Chicago, Illinois, and United States Gasket Company, Camden, New Jersey.

WITH SEATS of "Teflon", these valves are able to handle practically all known liquids and gases —through extreme temperature ranges. They also offer the advantage of economy by reducing maintenance time.

"Teflon" tetrafluoroethylene resin is inert to all chemicals normally used in industry. Only alkali metals and fluorine under special conditions affect "Teflon".

"Teflon" is non-flammable and has zero water absorption. Its chemical inertness, heat resistance (working temperature range of "Teflon" extends from −450°F to 500°F), resiliency and toughness recommend "Teflon" for use in gaskets, packings and component parts of pumps, agitators, mixers and for valve seats and discs.

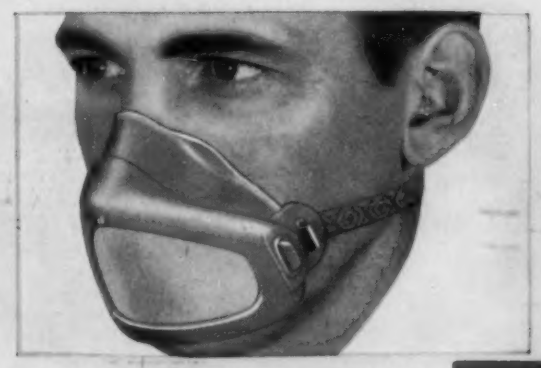
Investigate the benefits of using "Teflon" in your own applications. No other single material serves so well over such a wide range of conditions.

Flexibility of ALATHON® assures close fit, positive protection in dust masks

"Alathon" polyethylene resin plays a key part in this new paint and dust mask, which affords improved protection and comfort to both commercial and home users.

One of the major difficulties in protective masks—air leaks around the frame—has now been eliminated. The frames of "Alathon" are contoured and flexible, making them adjustable. Serrations on the inner edge of both frame members provide an airtight filter lock.

"Alathon" makes possible other protective benefits. Non-toxic "Alathon" is unaffected by paint or perspiration and can be easily sterilized. It is tough—unbreakable in normal usage. Du Pont "Alathon" polyethylene resin can be injection molded, providing economy to the manufacturer. (Manufactured by Flexo Products, Inc., Cleveland 13, Ohio.)



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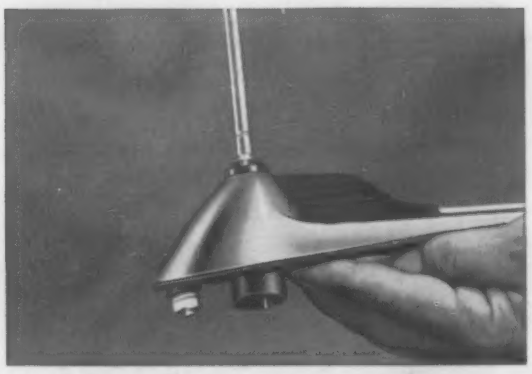

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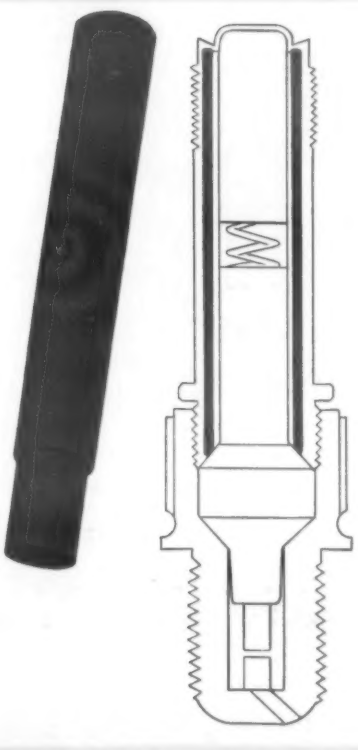

Cutaway view of aircraft spark plug, showing two insulation sleeves of "Teflon" tetrafluoroethylene resin in red. (Spark plug manufactured by the Jet Ignition Company, Larchmont, New York. Sleeves of "Teflon" by Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., Manheim, Pennsylvania.)

"Teflon" replaces ceramic . . . eliminates breakage problems

TWO THIN SLEEVES of "Teflon" tetrafluoroethylene resin outperform the ceramic insulator found in conventional aircraft spark plugs. The use of "Teflon" virtually eliminates the possibility of failure resulting from dropping, mishandling, normal engine vibration or other mechanical injury to the barrel of the plug.

During the development and testing of the plugs, failure with standard ceramic sleeve insulators was experienced at 150 to 200 hours of operation. Failures were invariably due to the cracking of the ceramic insulator. No cracking has been observed with insulators of "Teflon", even after prolonged testing.

The insulating properties of "Teflon" are far superior to those of the ceramic sleeve. You will note from the illustration that two sleeves of "Teflon" are used—one inside the other. This provides added protection against dielectric failure.

Aircraft engine plugs with sleeve insulators of "Teflon", as illustrated, are approved by the CAA for use in the R-1820 engine and the Franklin 0-335-5 and 0-335-6 engines and are in use in these engines at the present time.

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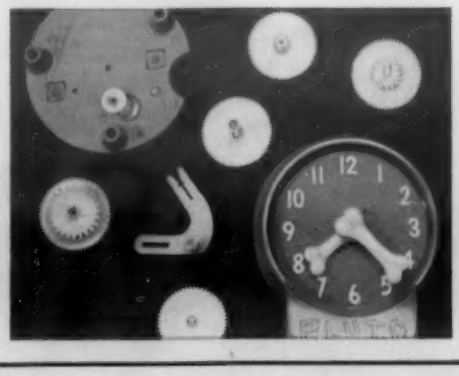

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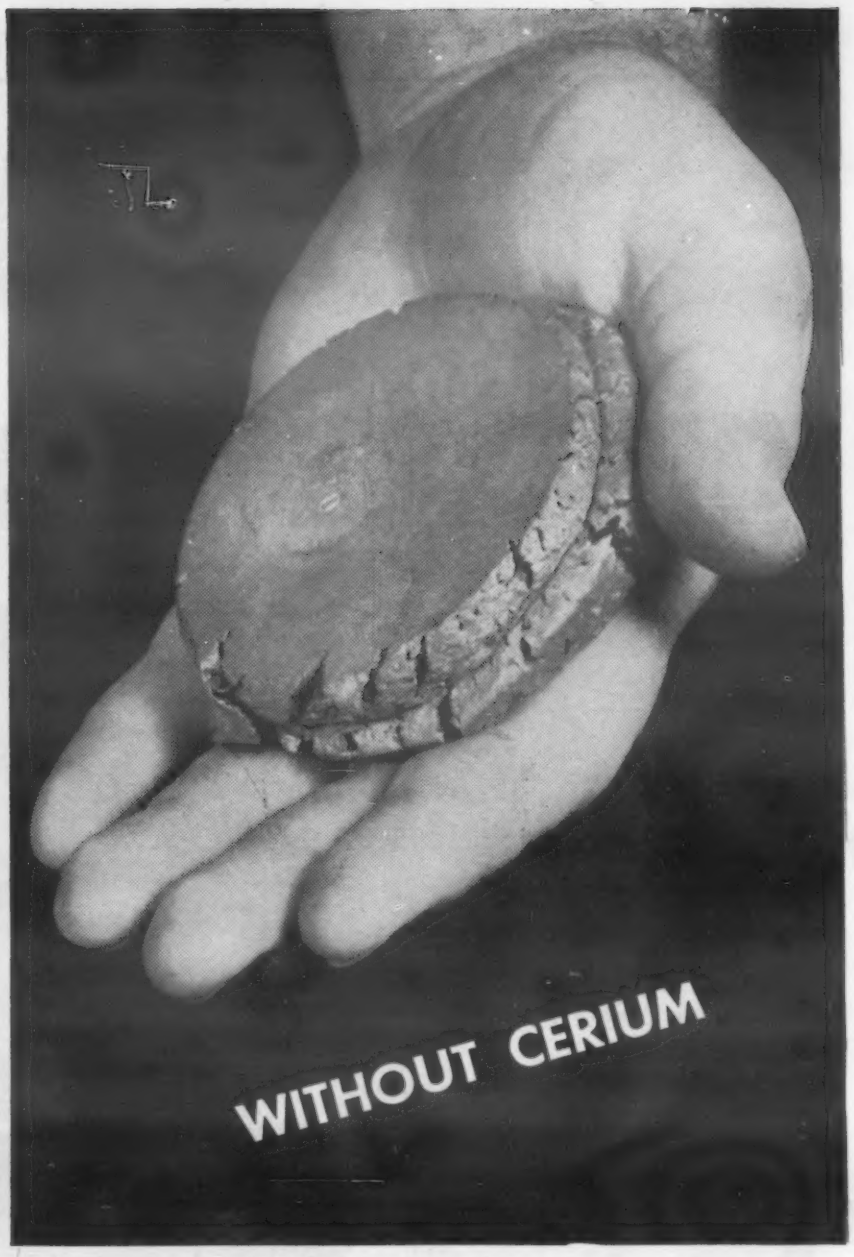

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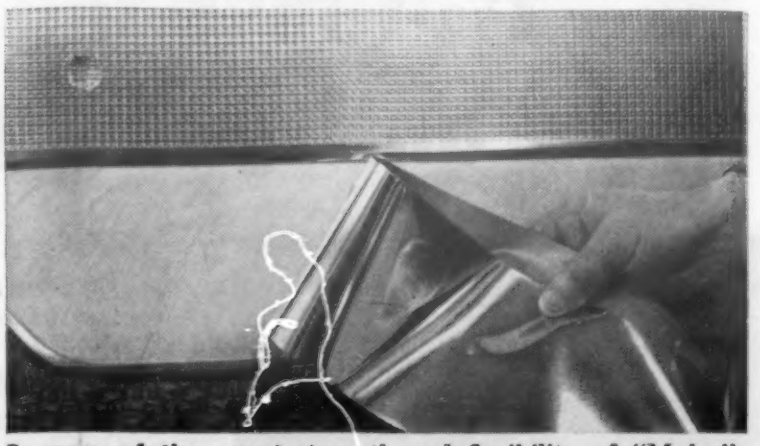

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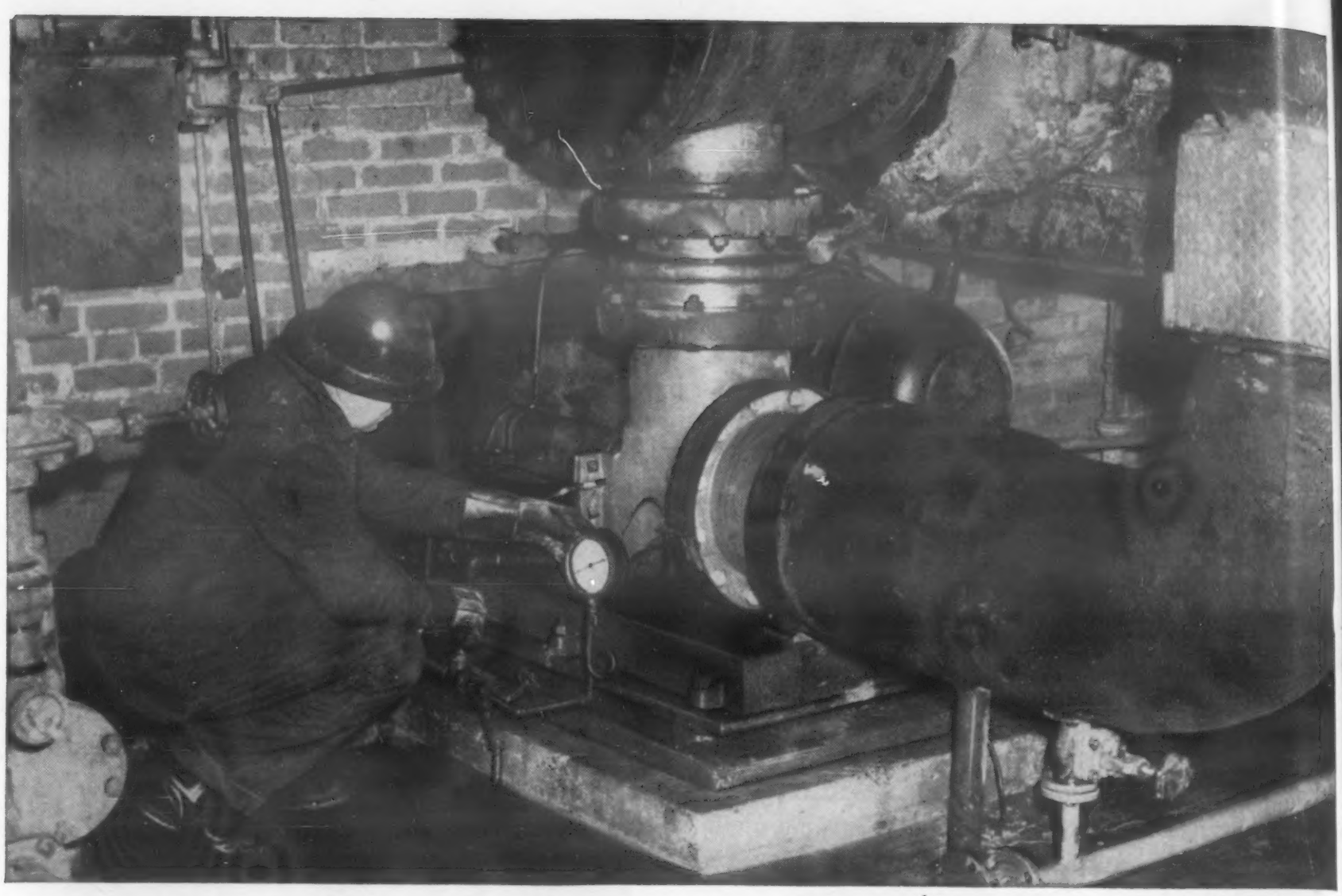

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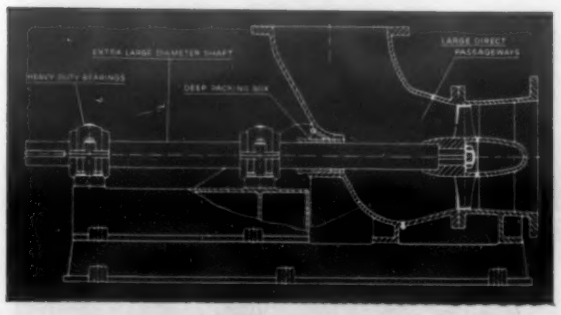

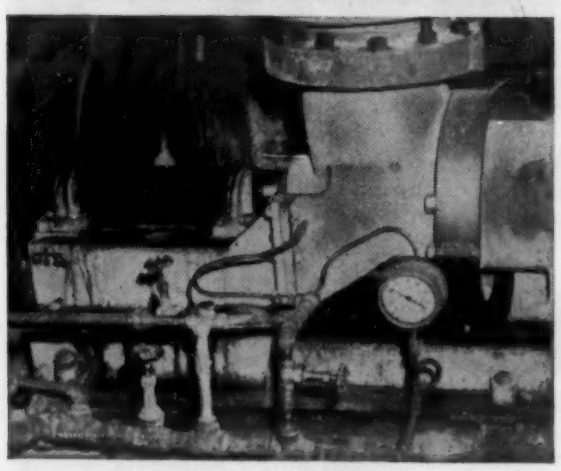

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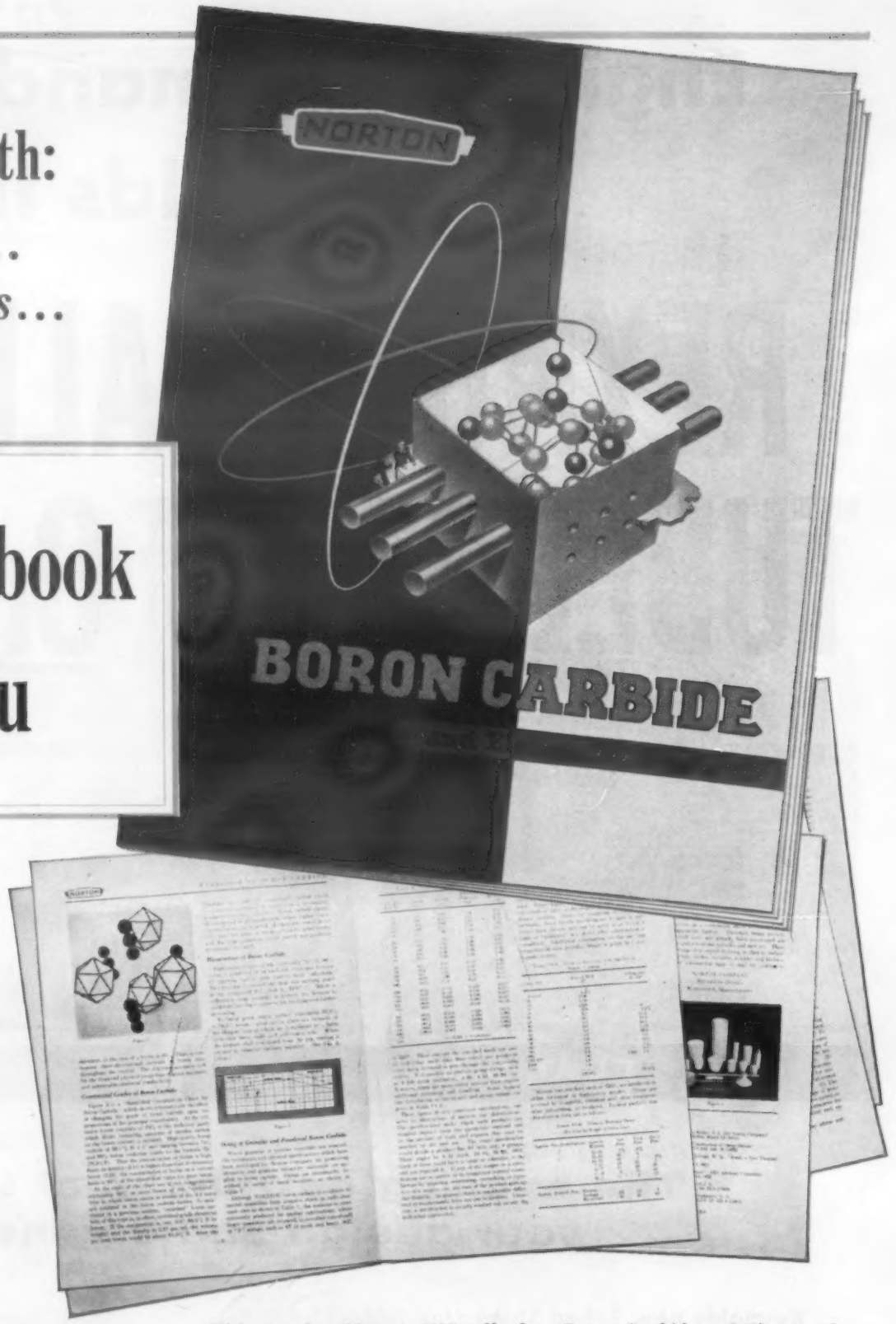

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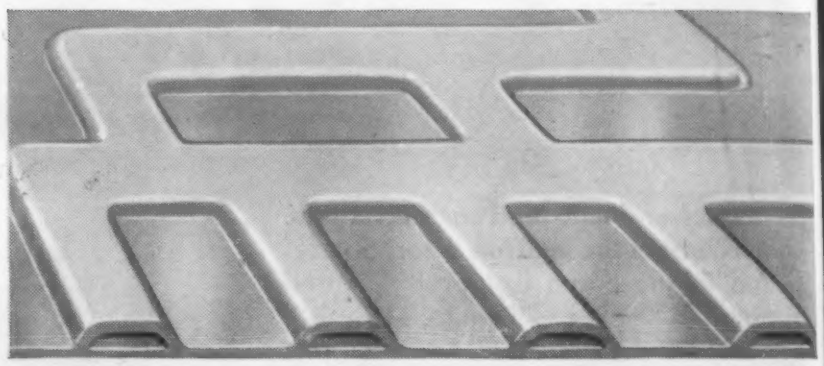

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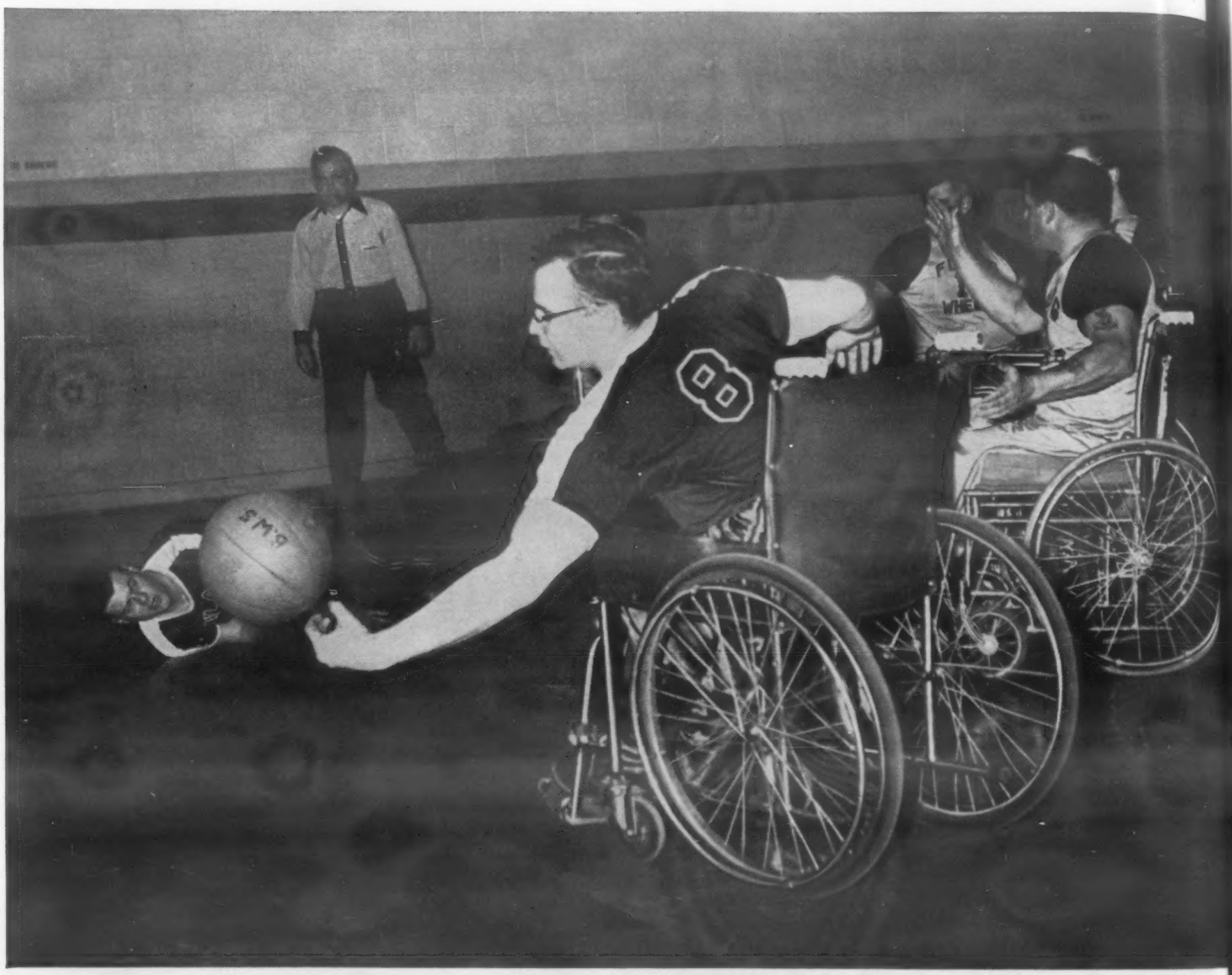

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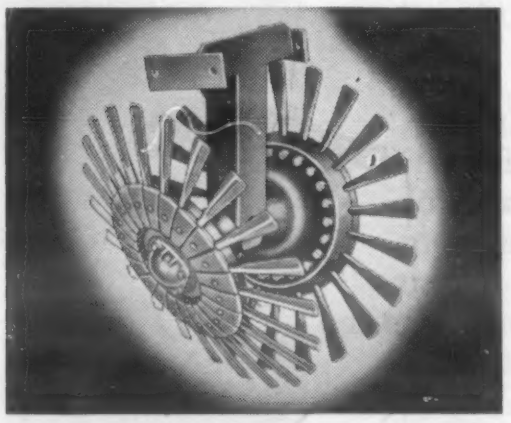

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SGU Seal Performance Data:

Speeds.....1750 to 3600 FPM	*Sealed Liquids* Soaps, Greases, Animal Fats, Strong Detergents
Temperatures Continuous.....250°F. Intermittent.....275°F.	*Lubrication* Soaps, Greases, Animal Fats, Strong Detergents and water splash lubrication
Pressures Normal.....10 to 15 psi Maximum.....35 to 40 psi	

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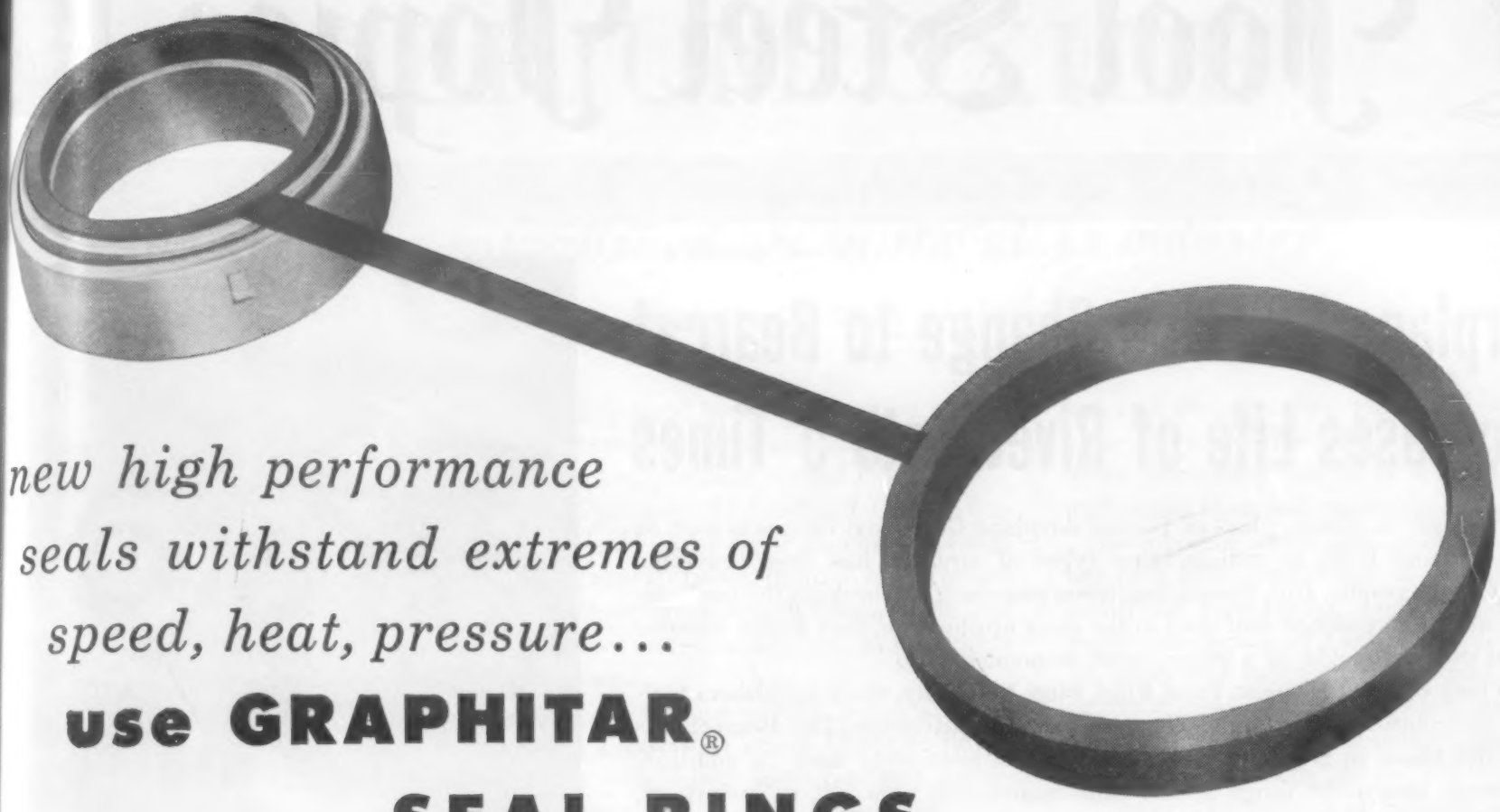

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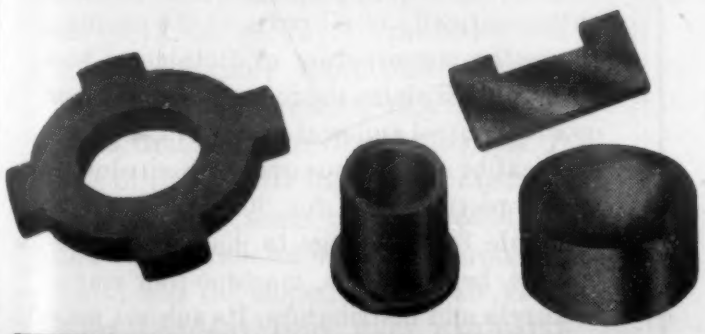

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Airplane Builder's Change to Bearcat Increases Life of Rivet Sets 5 Times

At the Wichita, Kans., plant of Boeing Airplane Company, rivet sets used on the B-47 and B-52, as well as other types of aircraft, had been providing satisfactory results. But, Boeing engineers reasoned, by checking the performance of other grades of tool steel in the same application, they might discover a tool steel that could do a better, more economical job.

So they ordered Bearcat, from Ford Steel Company, their Bethlehem tool-steel distributor in St. Louis. The results were impressive. The Bearcat sets gave five times longer service life then the sets previously used. In addition, the heads also drove down better, thus minimizing time lost in reworking, and facilitating ready acceptance by Boeing inspectors. Besides, with Bearcat's superior finish, there was less surface pick-up.

Bearcat is our super-tough, air-hardening general-purpose grade. It has exceptional resistance both to shock and to wear. Its air-hardening characteristic minimizes quenching hazards, and provides excellent resistance to distortion in heat-treatment.

In addition to rivet-set applications, Bearcat can be used advantageously for punches, chisels, hot headers, gripper dies and master hobs, as well as for dies used in blanking and bending, and cold-forming.

If you'd like to know more about Bearcat, or perhaps try it out in your shop, just get in touch with the nearest Bethlehem tool-steel distributor.

BETHLEHEM TOOL STEEL ENGINEER ASKS:

How Hard Should Tools Be?

It is sometimes difficult to determine the best hardness for certain tools. As all tools are subjected to wear it is ordinarily desirable to use the highest possible hardness. With most tools, this causes brittleness or breakage, making some compromise necessary. Generally speaking, tool hardness should be lowered from the maximum to a degree which causes the tools to consistently wear out in service, rather than fracture. The optimum hardness for a given type of tool often varies considerably, depending upon the operating conditions. However, here are the average hardnesses of commonly used tools:

TOOL	HARDNESS Rockwell C
High-speed steel, metal-cutting tools, single point	65
High-speed steel, metal-cutting tools, multiple point	63
Blanking dies	60
Forming dies	60
Drawing dies, hardened all over	60
Drawing dies, bore-hardened only	66
Gages	60
Shock-resisting tools (punches, etc.)	58
Hot-work tools	40/50
Cold shear blades	60
Hot shear blades	48
Tools subjected to max tensile loads (cylinders, containers, etc.)	53
Tools subjected to max compressive loads (plungers, punches, etc.)	60/65

These hardness figures should be used as a guide only, because for individual jobs the required hardness may be slightly higher or lower, depending upon circumstances.

Tool Steel Color Film An Award Winner

"Teamwork," Bethlehem's 16-mm color film on tool steel, received an award for excellence in the sales promotion field at the recent Columbus Film Festival, held at Columbus, Ohio. The film, being received enthusiastically in all parts of the country, shows the manufacture of Bethlehem tool steels, and explains the reasons behind their quality control and heat-treatment. Typical applications of various grades are included.

The picture runs for 30 minutes. It is available for showings to machinists, diemakers, heat-treaters, machine-tool manufacturers and distributors. Its subject matter makes it excellent for technical society meetings, and for showings to engineering-student groups.

If you would like to see "Teamwork," drop a line to Publications Department, Room 1001, Bethlehem Steel Company, Bethlehem, Pa. If possible, please select a showing date well in advance, to permit adequate time for scheduling and shipping.

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CERIUM OXIDE

—a rare earth that sparked a revolution in a long established art in the glass industry

a report by LINDSAY

Some twenty years ago in Switzerland, two technicians discovered the amazing glass polishing properties of Cerium Oxide. Soon it was being used extensively for polishing of precision lenses in Europe.

Then came World War II. Scientists in the optical industries in this country heard about Cerium Oxide . . . how it could polish faster and cleaner than any other known material. They thought that maybe this was the answer to the problem of accelerated production of precision optical pieces for our war machine. In a cloak and dagger operation, samples of Cerium Oxide were smuggled out of Switzerland. Tests confirmed the rumors . . . Cerium Oxide was IT!

This was early in the 40's when Hitler held most of Europe and the Japanese were driving toward Australia. The urgency of our growing war effort was putting fantastic demands on the optical industry. Lenses for bombsights, range finders, periscopes and other military instruments were needed desperately. Production had to be increased manyfold with no sacrifice of split-hair accuracy.

Lindsay, the nation's largest processor of monazite (the chief source of rare earths), undertook in 1942 the challenging task of producing Cerium Oxide. Day after day, Lindsay technicians worked with patience and speed to solve the inevitable production problems and in a remarkably short time, Cerium Oxide was being refined with the properties that met the demanding standards of the optical and glass industries. At about the same time, Barnesite, a rare earth oxide for ultra-high precision work, was developed and a few years later Lindsay took over exclusive production.

By war's end, Cerium Oxide had virtually revolutionized glass polishing practices in this country. Today, it is widely used in the production of distortion-free TV tubes, fine quality mirrors and precision optical lenses.

Opticians like Lindsay's Cerium Oxide (sold under the trade name CEROX) because it enables them to polish lenses to prescription specifications faster and to give you glasses exactly as the doctor ordered.

Leading automobile manufacturers use Lindsay's Cerium Oxide to polish out windshield scratches just before shipment. One of the largest producers furnishes its dealers with kits containing Cerium Oxide to remove nicks and scratches picked up in transit.

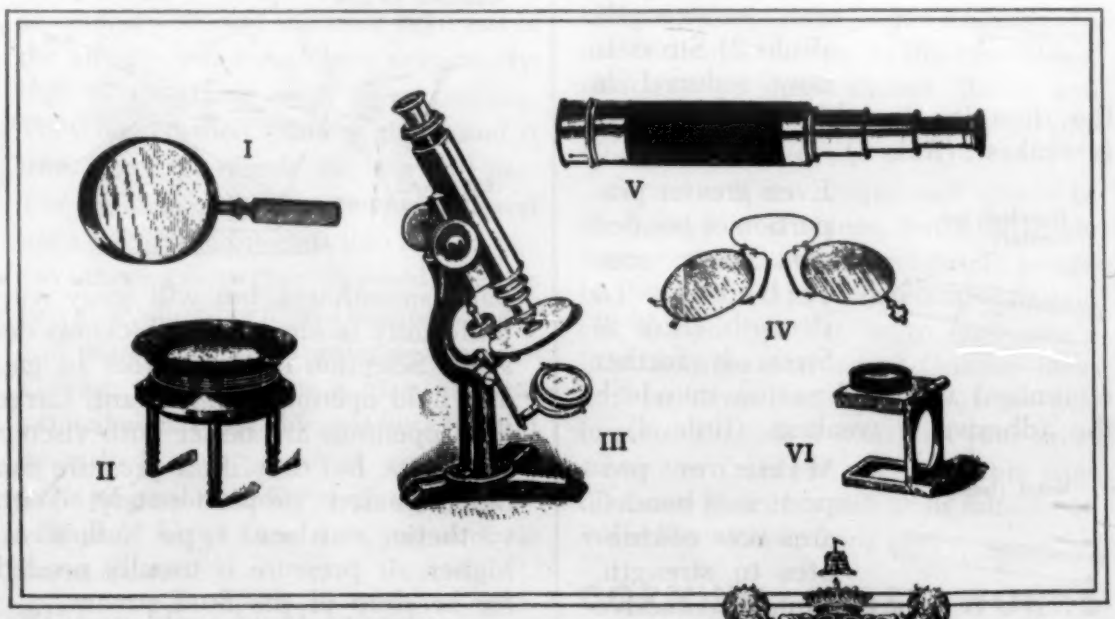
Why is Cerium Oxide such wonderful stuff when it comes to polishing? Frankly, nobody knows. Lindsay's technical people have tested and retested it, put it through countless laboratory analyses and peered at it for hours through high-powered microscopes. Just as scientists know how to *use* electricity, but don't know what it *is*, so too, they know that Cerium Oxide is a remarkably efficient polishing agent but *why* is still a mystery.

Like all the other rare earths, Cerium Oxide is a versatile material. Research disclosed its unique potentials (along with didymium, neodymium, and other rare earths) for use in coloring and decolorizing glass and it is extensively used for that purpose. Another interesting use is as a catalyst with some chemical materials.

Twenty-five years ago, most chemists had little knowledge or curiosity about the rare earths. Then the dramatic emergence of Cerium Oxide as an important factor in the optical industry excited interest in the full range of the 15 rare earth elements—atomic numbers 57 through 71.

There are technical people who think that some of the rare earths have greater possibilities of revolutionizing processes in their industries than Cerium Oxide has had for polishing practices. We are encouraged to think so, too. We are shipping rare earths regularly for use in the production of such diverse materials as steel, aluminum, glass, ceramics, textiles, ammunition and for a variety of applications in the electronic and atomic industries.

We can give you comprehensive data about the many rare earth and thorium salts available. Your technical staff may find it rewarding and profitable to take a long, thoughtful look at these unique materials, to examine their characteristics and, particularly, their potential applications to your own processes.



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Design data on adhesives

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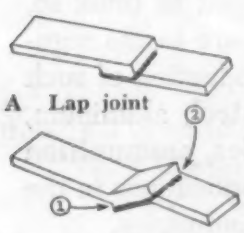
How to design joints for adhesives

Many common joints can be re-designed to give maximum strength with adhesives. The examples shown do not cover every situation, but they do illustrate how four basic design rules can be applied to improve strength. These rules are:

1. Make the bonded area as large as possible.
2. Make the maximum proportion of bonded area contribute to strength.
3. Stress the adhesive in the direction of its maximum strength.
4. Minimize stress in the direction in which the adhesive is weakest.

Strengthening a lap joint:



Under stress, a common lap joint such as "A" tends to deflect as the assembly aligns itself. Instead of a simple shear stress, the joint in effect more nearly resembles drawing "B". The tension effect at edges "1" and "2" tends to peel the bond apart, since a high proportion of the load is carried at the edges of the lap.

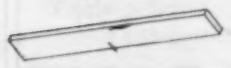
Remedy
Joggle lap (better)

Greater proportion of bonded area now contributes to strength. (Rule 2) Stress is now reduced in the direction in which the adhesive is weakest. (Rule 4)

Beveled lap (better)

Even greater proportion of bonded area now contributes to strength, (Rule 2) Stress is further minimized in the direction in which the adhesive is weakest. (Rule 4)

Scarf (best)



Maximum proportion of bonded area now contributes to strength. (Rule 2) Adhesive is now stressed in the direction of its maximum strength. (Rule 3) Stress is now minimized in the direction the adhesive is weakest. (Rule 4)

Production line application of adhesives

It is as important to choose the right method of applying the adhesive as it is to select the proper adhesive.

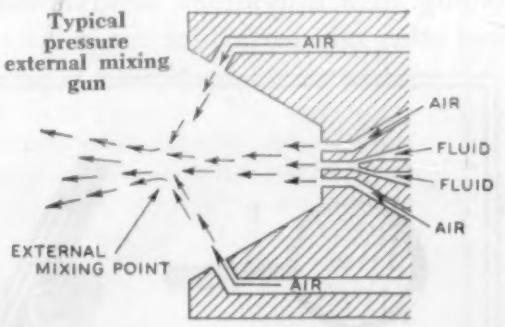
A straight-line manufacturing process with parts handled by a mechanical conveyor obviously is the most desirable setup. The adhesive is applied at the first stage, the adhesive film prepared for bonding in the second stage, and the application of pressure, if necessary, in the third stage.

The methods of application most suitable to straight-line production are spraying and roller coating.

1. Spray coating

Spray coating offers the same advantages for adhesives as for paints. Adhesives ranging from water-thin resins to viscous synthetic rubber products and even abrasive-filled materials are applied in this manner.

Some adhesives and coatings may be applied as an even, perfectly smooth film. Materials of this type should be sprayed with a pressure type (not suction) external mixing gun. The intermediate nozzle or fluid opening sizes ordinarily used for paints will control the amount of fluid ejected into the air stream, so that all of the fluid is "atomized." Fast-drying adhesives, particularly those based on synthetic rubber, cannot be applied with



paint smoothness, but will spray with uniformity in almost any thickness desired. Selection of the correct air gap and fluid opening is important. Large fluid openings are better with viscous adhesives, but only if air pressure can be increased proportionately. With synthetic rubber type adhesives, higher air pressure is usually needed for breakup of the fluid stream.

Adhesives of this type can be improved by lowering the viscosity by dilution, using the recommended solvent. In using an adhesive that has been severely thinned, it must be remembered that solids content is low.

In many applications, the speed and economy offered by automatic spray equipment will quickly repay the investment required. Where the nature of the work requires hand spraying, some of the more important points are: hold the gun no more than 7" or 8" from the work; "trigger" the gun at the end of each pass rather than attempt to operate the gun continuously; hold the gun at right angles to the work to insure uniform film thickness.

2. Roller coating

Where continuous production runs of sheets of one thickness are involved, roller coating is fast and economical.

If properly compounded, most water base adhesives will roller coat on standard equipment.

Fast-drying adhesives of the synthetic rubber type require slight machine modification and a different technique. Most solvents for adhesives will attack rubber or plastics so that metal rolls must be used throughout. Synthetic rubber adhesives tend to adhere to the applicator roll and will not apply uniformly from a smooth-surfaced roll. To remedy this, the roll should contain "reservoirs" for the adhesive and enough surface irregularity to prevent suction. This may take the form of grooves at right angles to the roll axis or small cups engraved on the roll. In either case, the area between the grooves or the cups should be cross-hatched or broken up in some way. The amount of adhesive applied is determined by the depth of the machined "reservoirs" and their spacing.

While the coater is in use, the adhesive should be prevented from losing solvent by evaporation, which increases viscosity. To do this, the adhesive should be fed to the pan continuously at the used rate. The pan should be covered or the adhesive stirred in the pan for uniform feed to the take-up roll. Production should be as nearly continuous as possible.

For more information on adhesives—and design problems involving adhesives—write for a copy of "Armstrong Adhesives, Coatings, and Sealers." Armstrong Cork Company, Industrial Div., 8006 Dunbar St., Lancaster, Pa.

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How to engineer a platypus

A happy combination of purposeful practicality is the furry platypus with its webbed feet, beaver's tail, and duck's bill.

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Take, for example, PYREX brand pipe. Here you see a man using a piece of it to drive a one-inch nail in a pine block. This is essentially an extra-curricular activity for glass pipe, which is more at home conveying metal-eating acids around chemical plants, but it's a way of showing just how tough glass can be when it's *made* that way.

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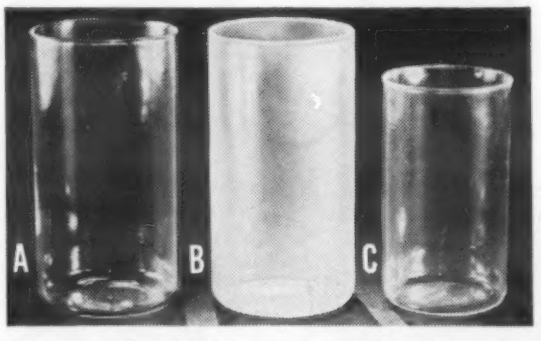
If platypus-like glass is a novel idea to you, if you've never given glass a second thought as a highly adaptable design and construction material, we suggest your reading a pocket-size volume entitled "Glass and You." It tells in a few words and many pictures how glass contributes to profit and pleasure and we'd be delighted to send you a copy. Or, if you're more concerned with putting glass to work for you than in learning what it's doing for others, there's a slightly more technical bulletin called, "Glass—its increasing importance in product design." We'll be glad to send you either—or both.

Most remarkable glass

In 1952 Philadelphia's Franklin Institute presented the John Price Wetherill Medal to Corning's Dr. Martin E. Nordberg and Harrison P. Hood for inventing the most fabulous of glasses—VYCOR brand 96 per cent silica glasses.



Evolution of a VYCOR jar: A—formed by conventional glass blowing; B—"thirsty glass"; C—finished product.

These two scientists discovered a composition that appeared to be a combination of two distinct types of glasses. One type could be dissolved out, leaving a skeleton of 96 per cent or more of silica filled with so many millions of holes that a one-inch cube contained some 60,000 square feet of hole surface.

This new child of research was dubbed "thirsty glass" because, just sitting around, it absorbed moisture right out of the air. But our researchers were on the trail of something even more exciting. They heated their "thirsty glass" and it shrank to two-thirds its original size. The millions of little holes vanished and left a vacuum-tight glass that looked like any other—except that you could take this new glass white-hot from a blazing furnace and plunge it into ice water without the slightest injury. It was a glass as ideal as fused quartz, but different since it could be melted, mass produced, and worked in its original state like ordinary glass.

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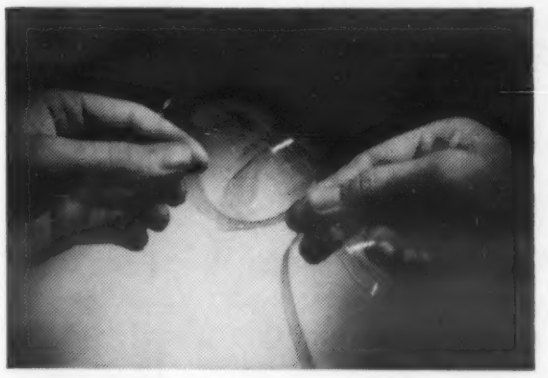
Ribbon glass by the yard

Here's a glass that's a thousandth of an inch thin and in small widths it's flexible as—well, a ribbon. You can twist it, roll it, wrap it around your arm without cracking it. It comes in any length you want—inches, yards, miles.

Actually ribbon glass isn't a single glass. We can make it of several different compositions according to what you need it for. Originally we developed it to take the place of mica in electronic capacitors of which there are several in your radio and TV sets and in any other piece of electronic equipment you can name. As mica is formed in layers, it is subject to cleavage in the plane parallel to lamination; ribbon glass being homogenous is easily workable. This is just one advantage of this glass in capacitors.



Medical scientists have found a quite different use for ribbon glass—as microscope slide covers. These are the wafer-like pieces of glass that are used to cover blood smears and the like for examination under the microscope. In this case ribbon glass can be made clearer, flatter and more free of bubbles and striae than previously made glasses.

Seems as if this unique stuff should be good for a *lot* of things, but *what* (other than electrical and laboratorial) probably lies in the laps of imaginative designers. Would you like us to send you a little strip to play with? *Customer* ideas and problems really bring out the best in glass. So, even if what's on your mind seems unrelated to any item this page discusses, glass may still be its fulfillment. We'd like to hear from you.

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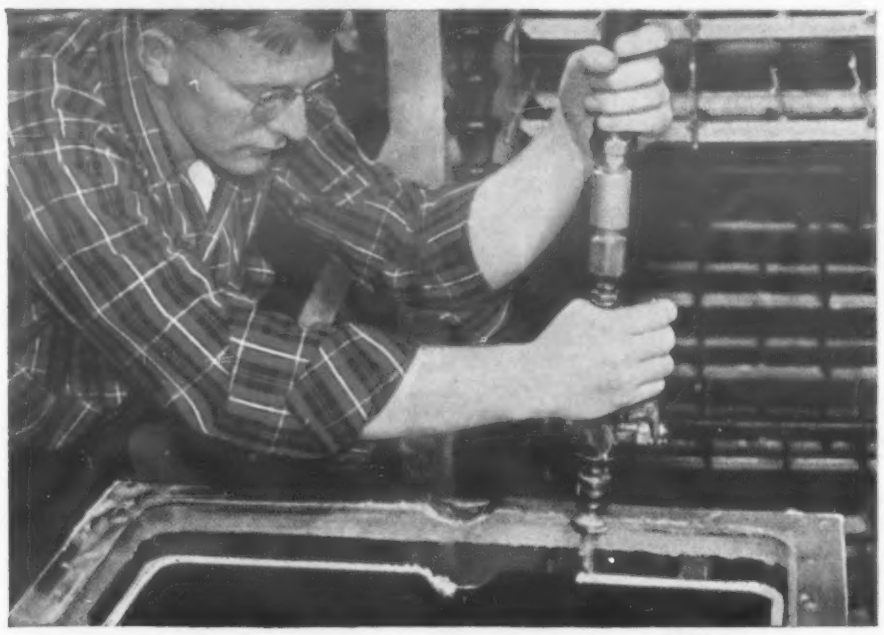
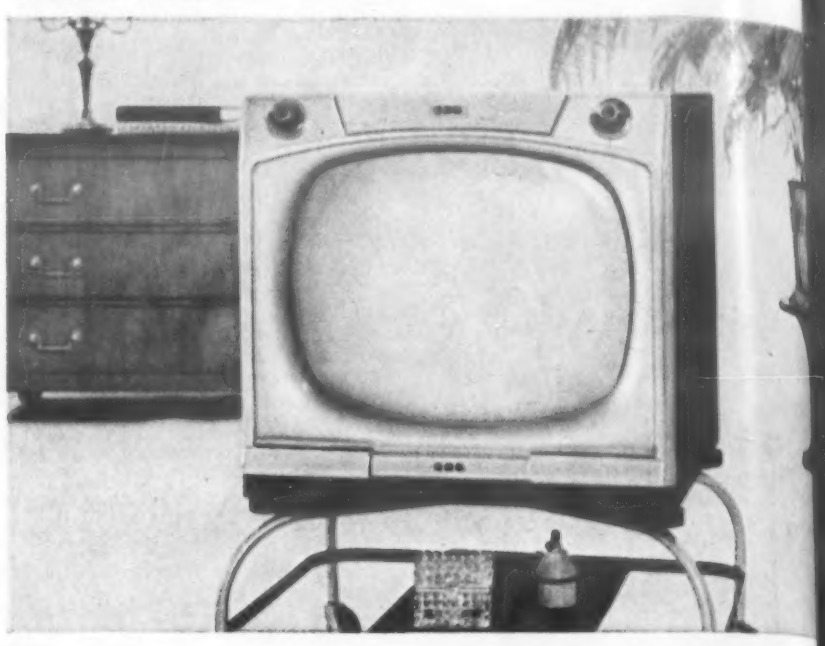


FINISHED BEFORE IT WAS FORMED, this beautiful television cabinet won chip, crack or craze, defies abuse, abrasion and age. It's made of sheet Pliov laminated to metal.



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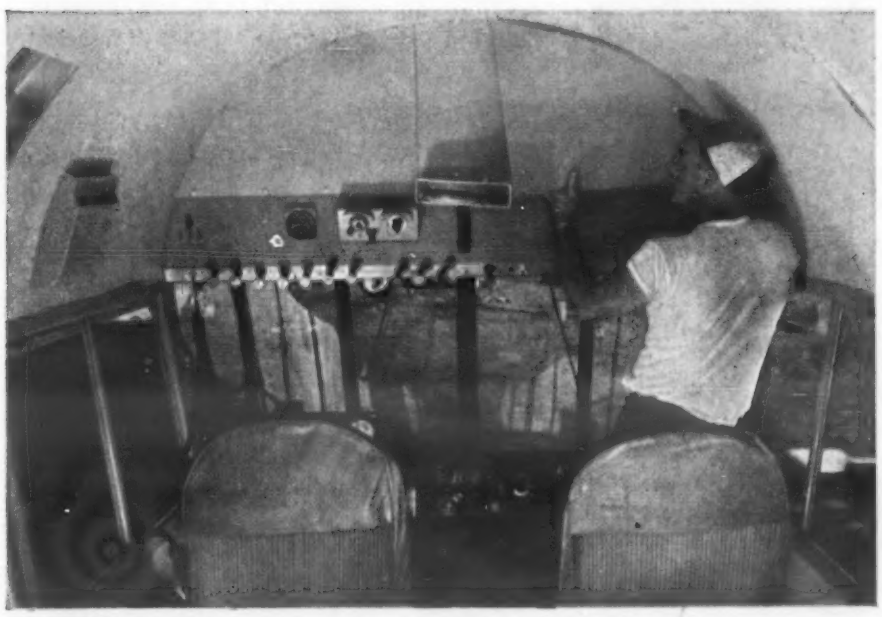

WALLS THAT FLY are these attractive panels of calendered PLIO-TUF for aircraft interiors. They are strong, light in weight and highly resistant to impact at low temperatures.

TRUE MEASURE OF QUALITY AND QUANTITY is offered by this pump with liquid end molded of impact- and chemical-resistant PLIO-TUF. Unique construction permits the accurate metering of the most corrosive liquids and slurries

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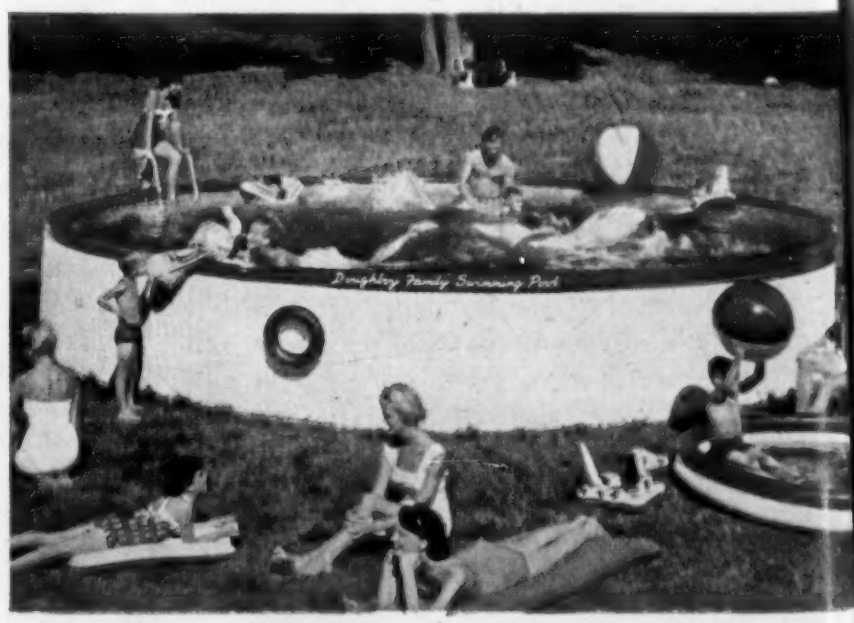
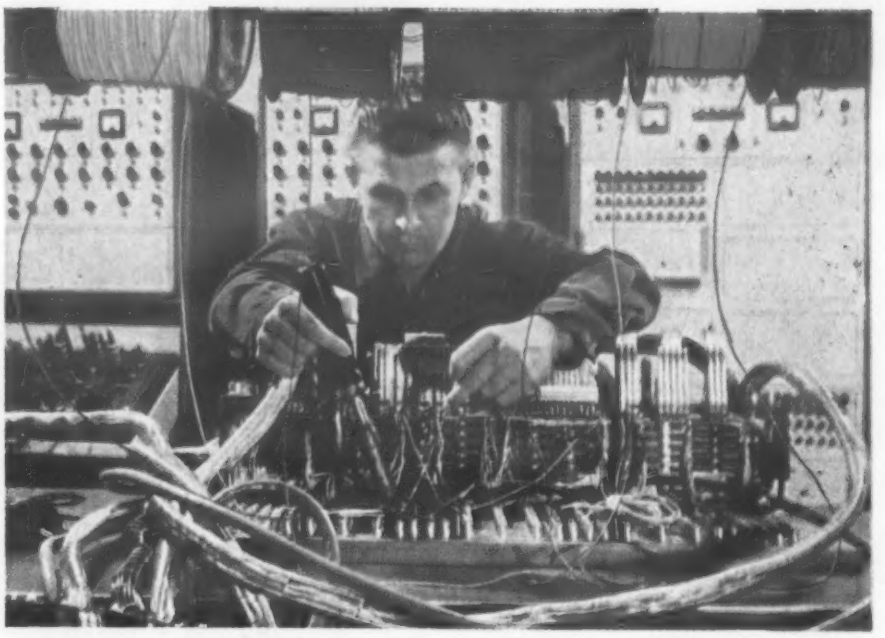


KING-SIZED KIDDIE POOL lets whole family swim in backyard. It's made of heavy-duty PLIOVIC sheeting for high strength and resistance to water, sunlight, hard wear and age.

EW KIND OF CARPET consists of thin sheet of PLIOVIC laminated to heavier bber sheets. Brightly colored and easy cleaning, it outwears all-rubber mats to 20 times over.

COLORFUL CLUES for assemblers and users of electronic computers are supplied by wire coverings extruded from PLIOVIC. They provide excellent insulation—are extremely durable.



ing Walls and Prefinished Cabinets have in Common?

Here are eight products that differ widely in appearance and application. But they do have something in common: Each was made possible by raw materials and services offered by the Plastics Department of the Goodyear Chemical Division.

The materials involved are PLIOVIC and PLIO-TUF. PLIOVIC is the family name for a series of easy processing vinyl resins. PLIO-TUF is the name for a family of high impact styrene resins. They are materials designed to keep pace with the progress constantly being made by the plastics industry.

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These eye-catching products are proof that steel wire can be prettied up. The candelabra and the wire dividers of the record "caddy" are finished in black bonderite, while the remaining items are plated with lustre-bright brass.

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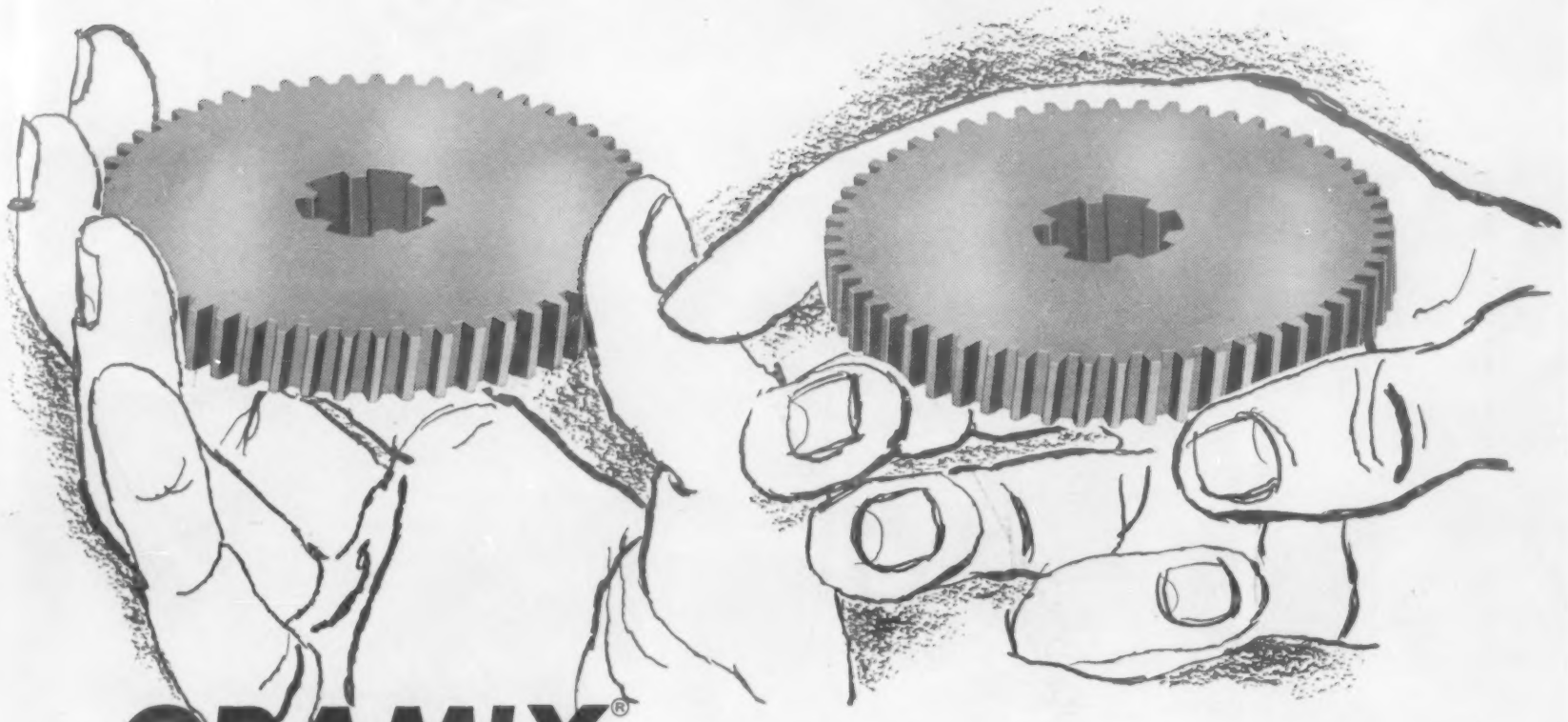

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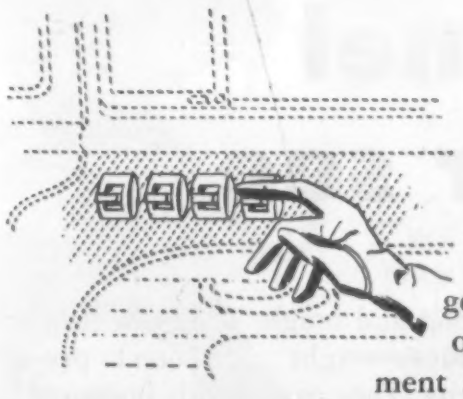

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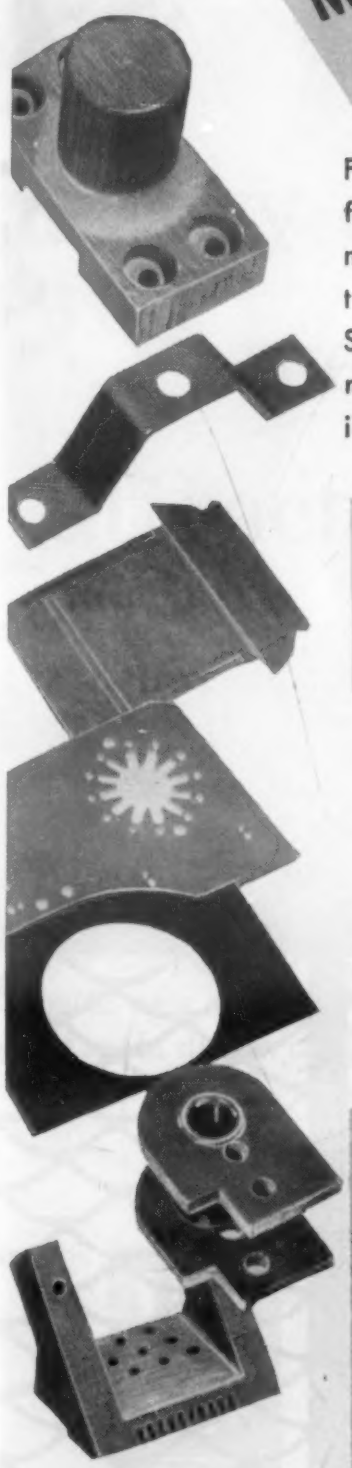

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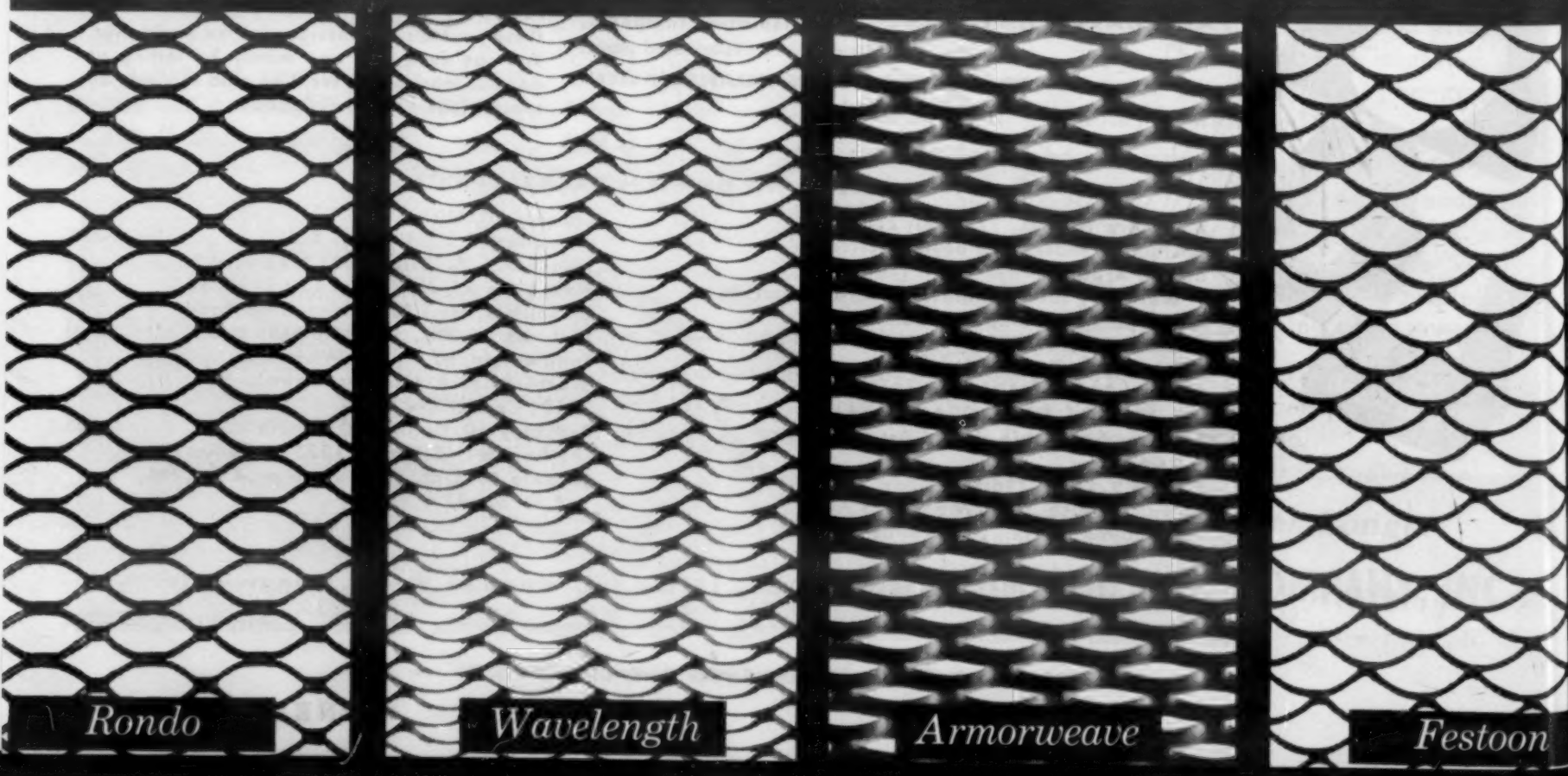

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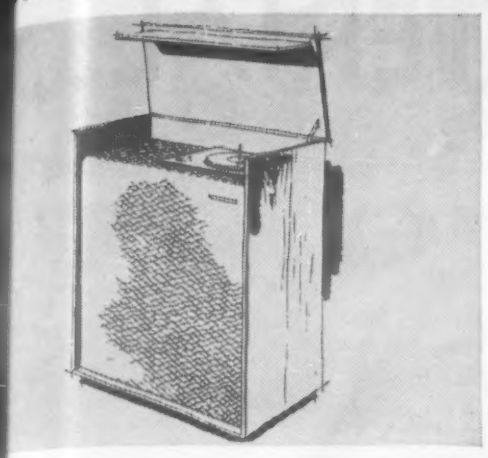

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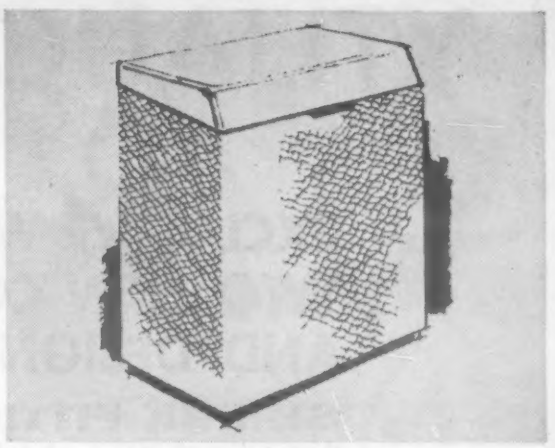

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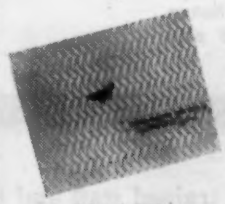

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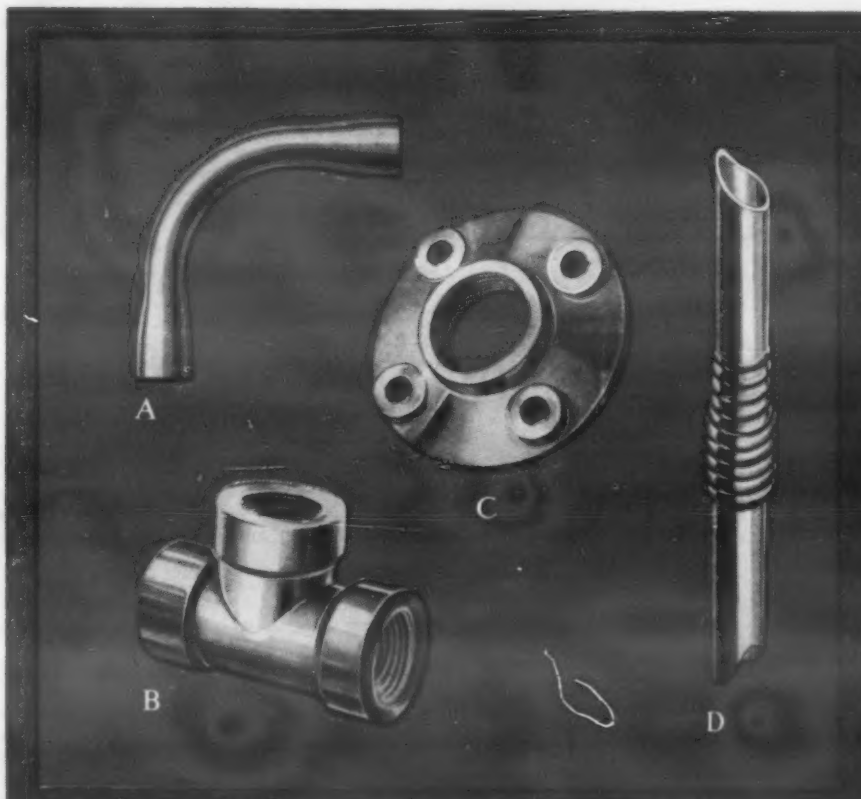

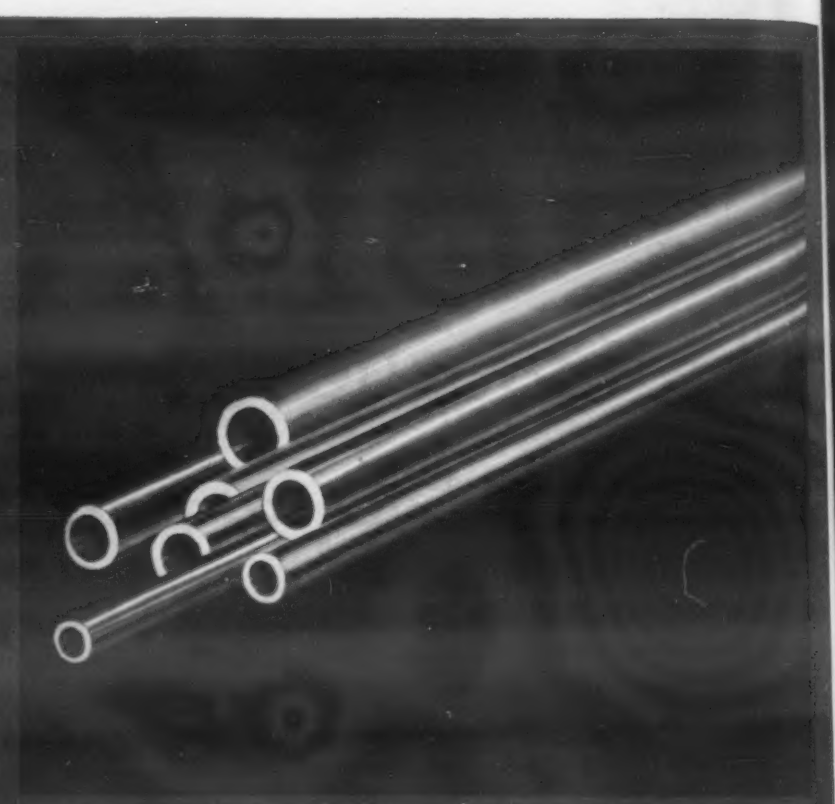

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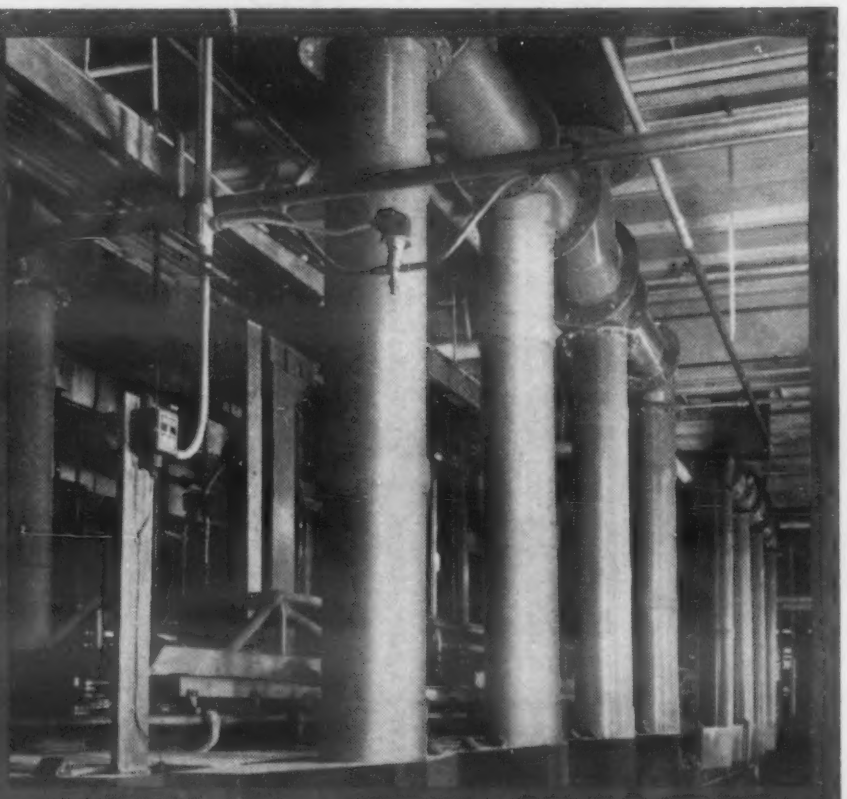

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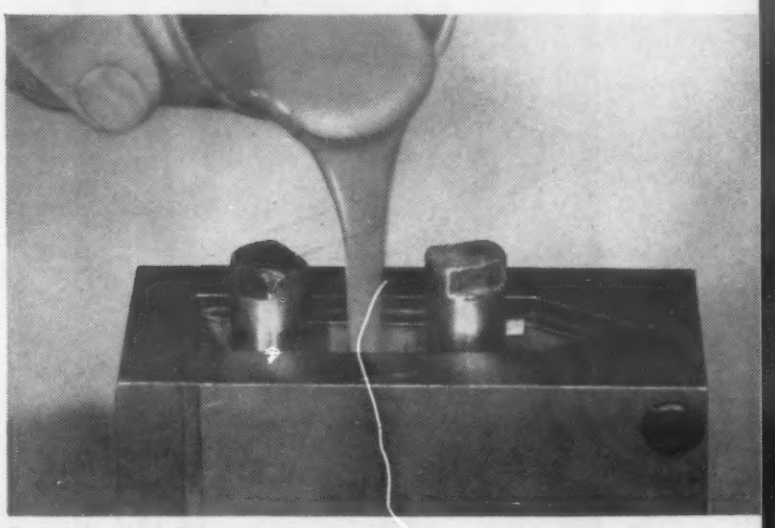
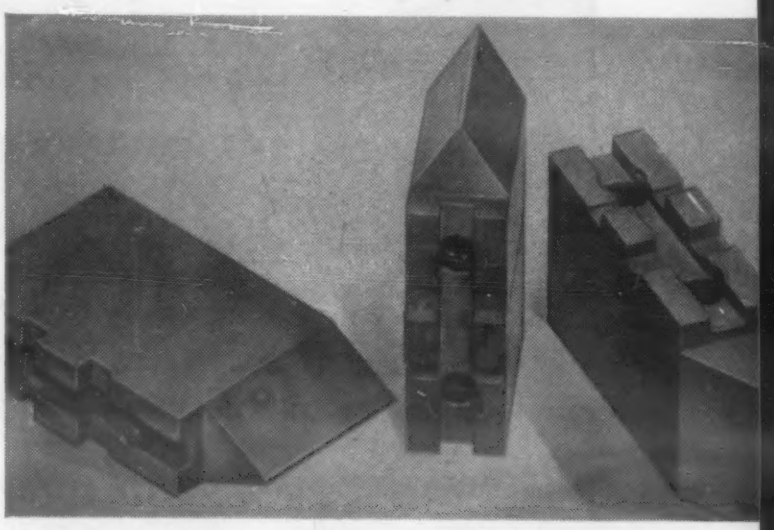
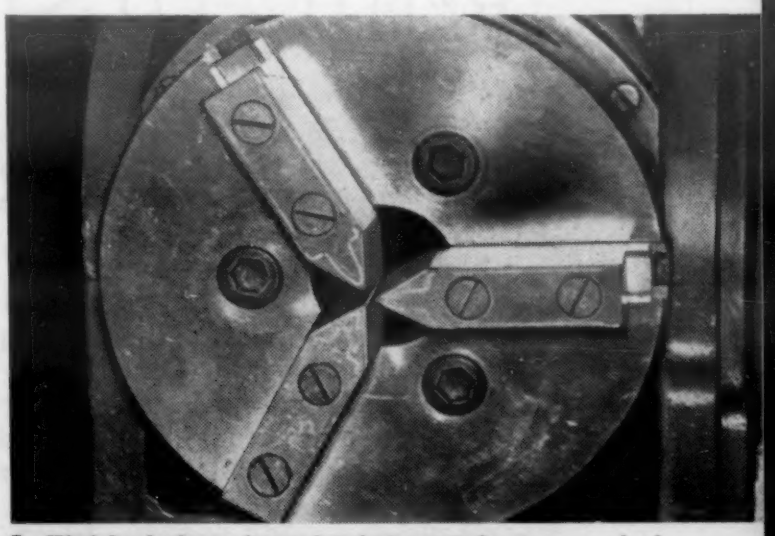


1. Here an alloy of Versamid 125, epoxy resin and aluminum powder is poured into a brass mold.



2. These soft jaws, or chucks, are molded from Versamid-epoxy alloy at extremely low cost.



3. Finished three-jaw chuck in regular use on lathe in precision machine shop.

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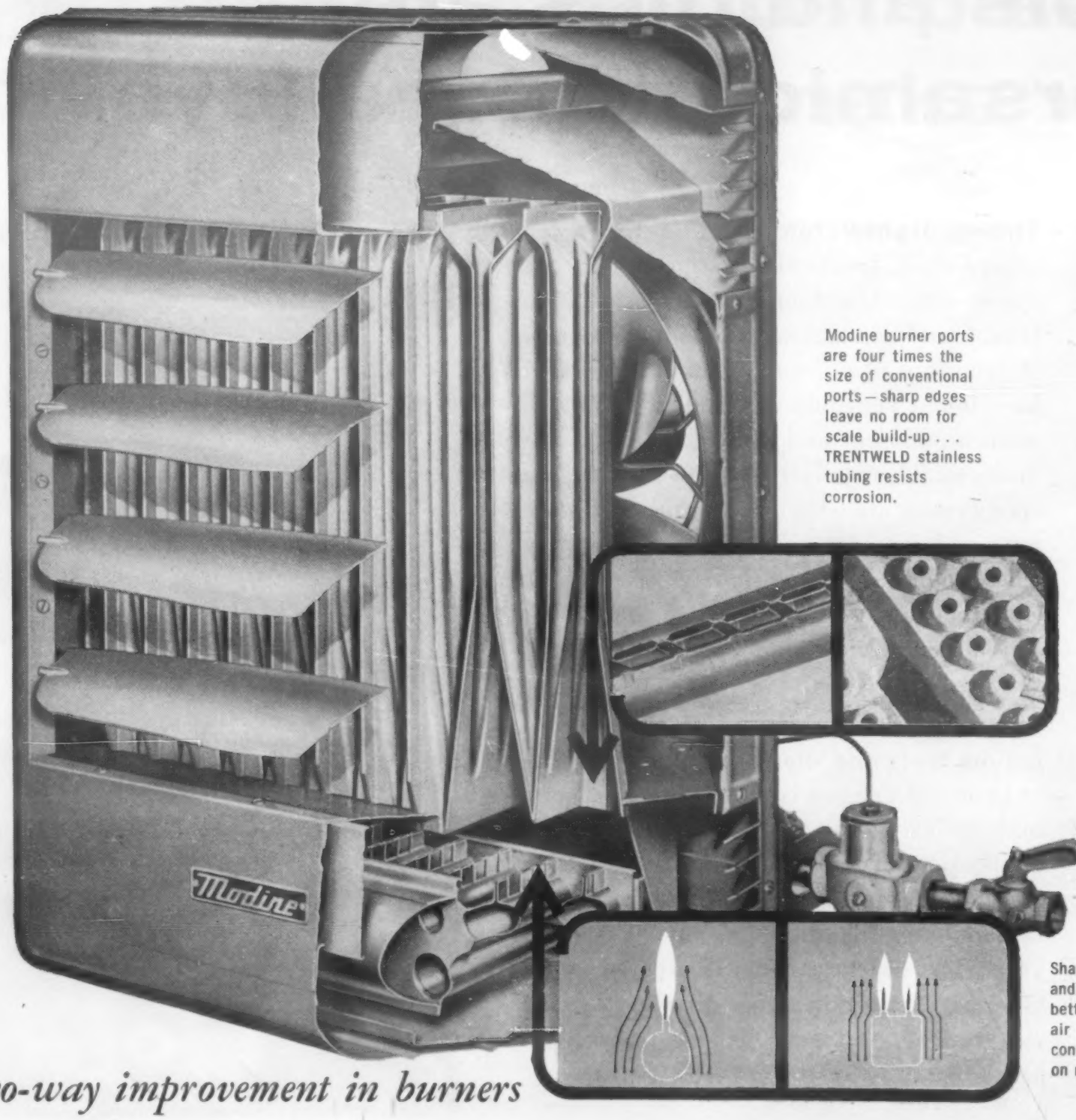

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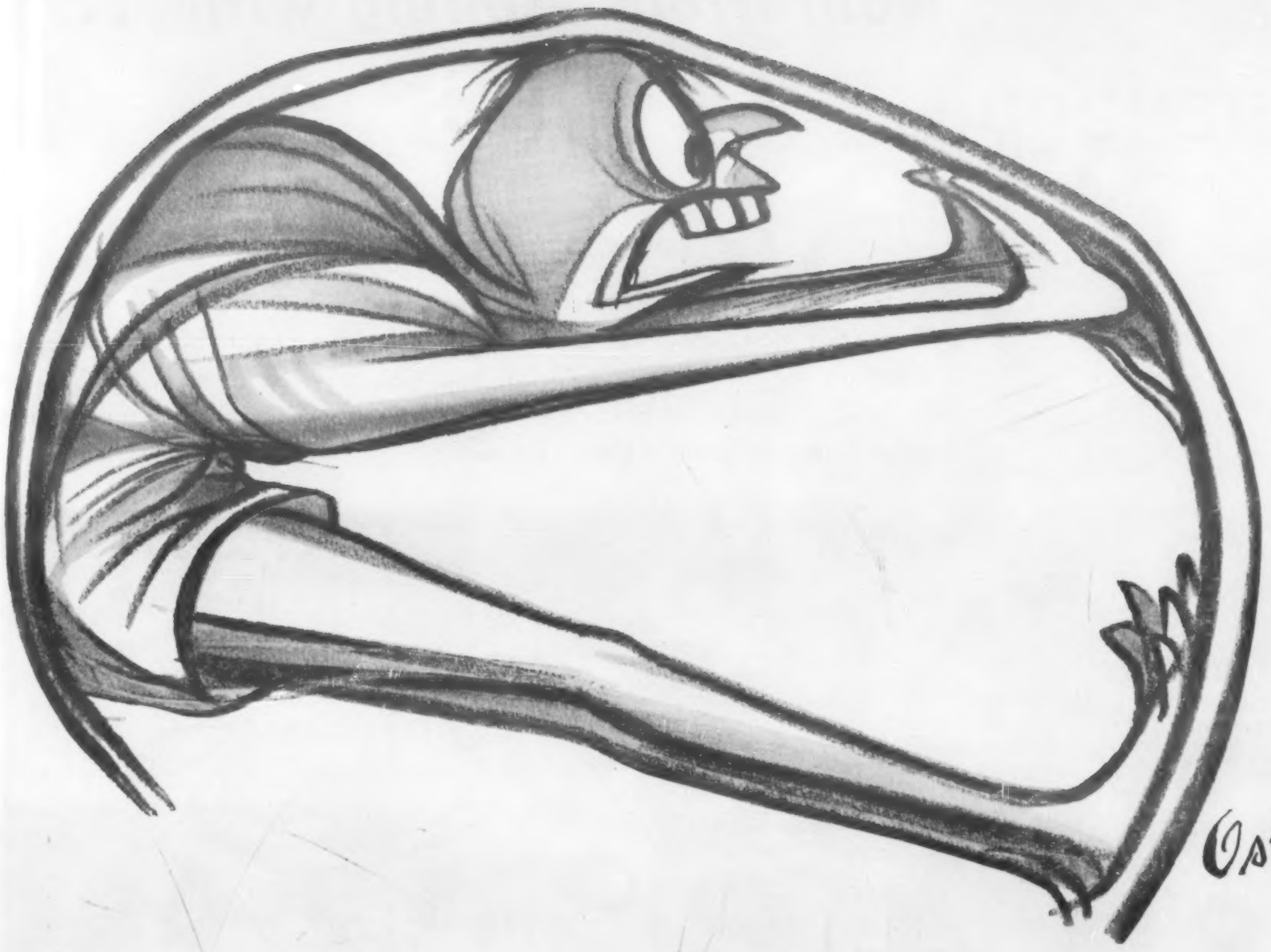

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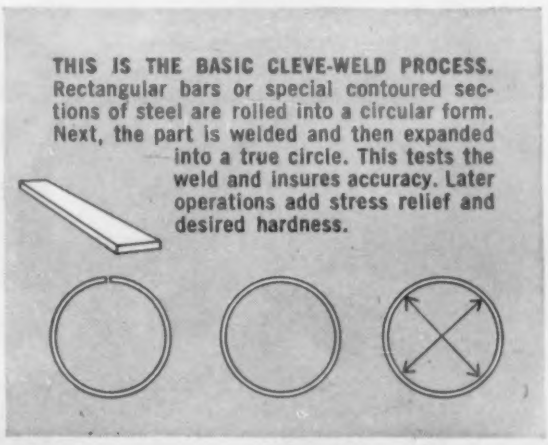
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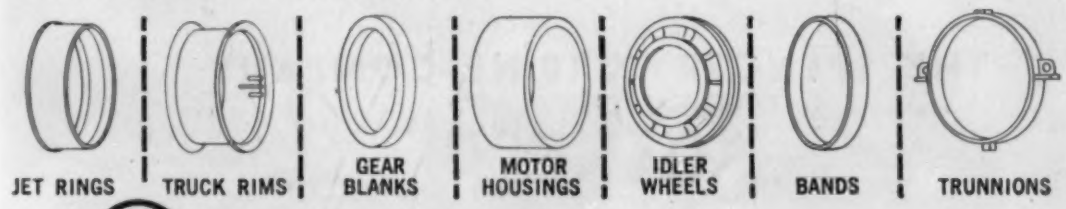

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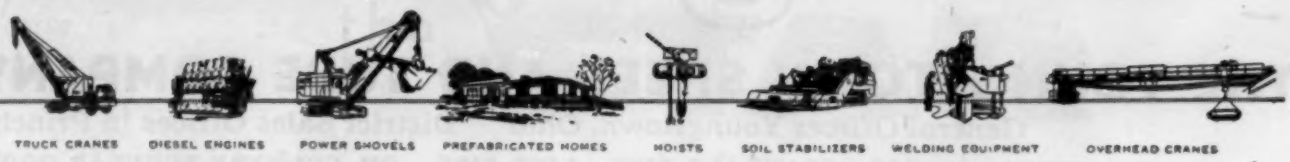

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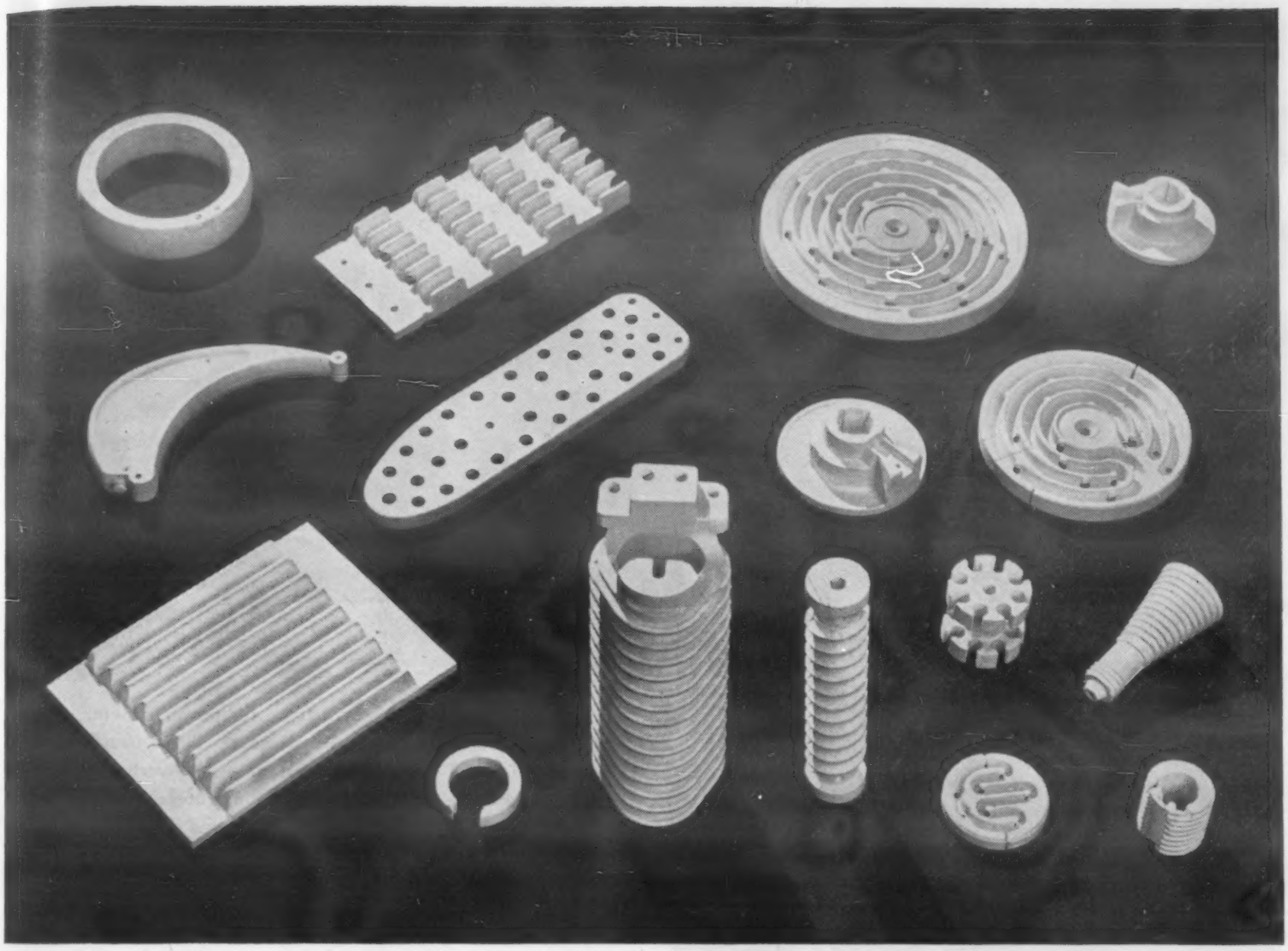

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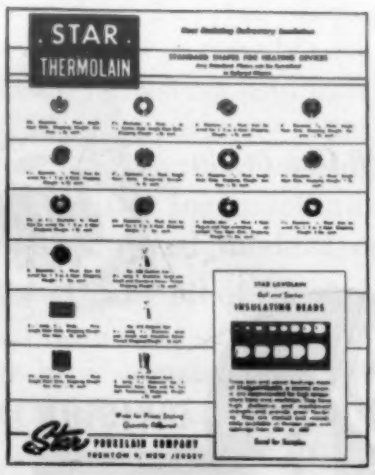

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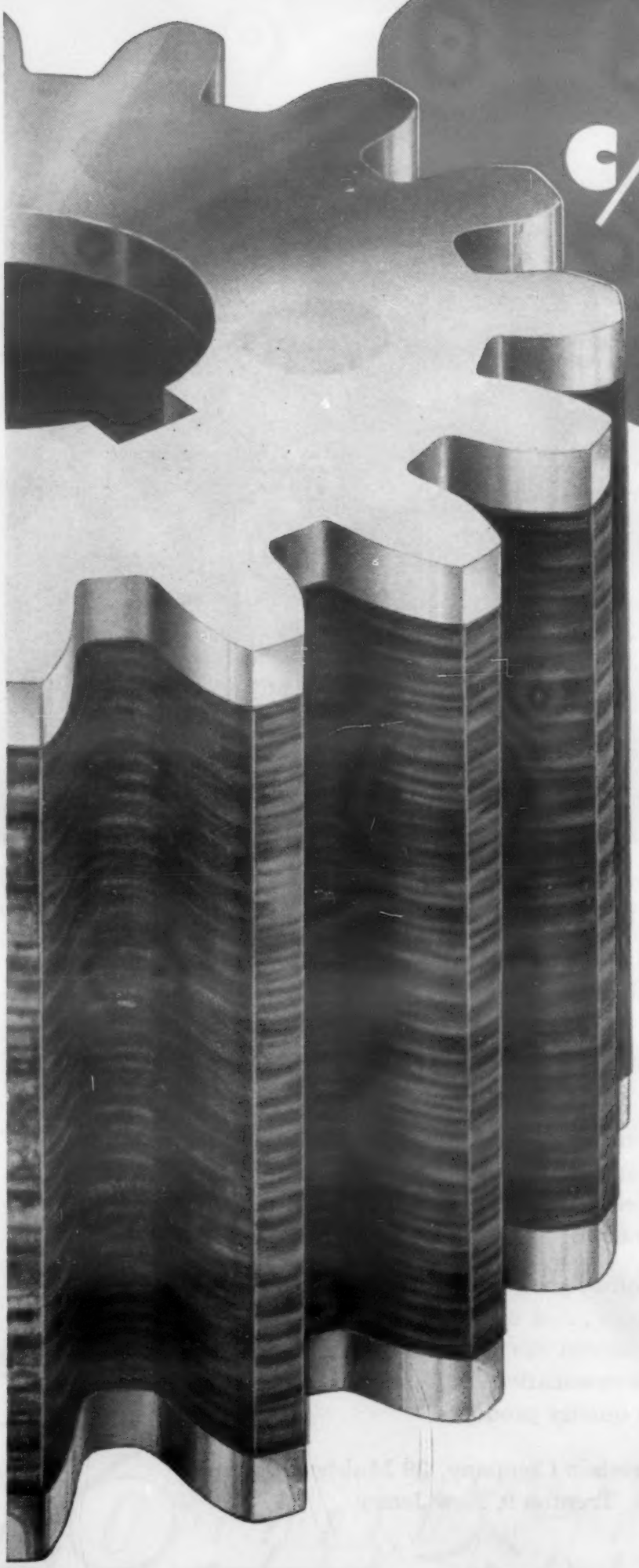

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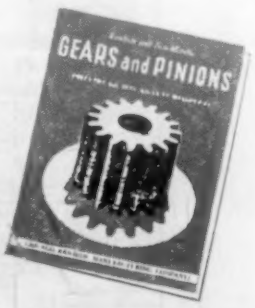

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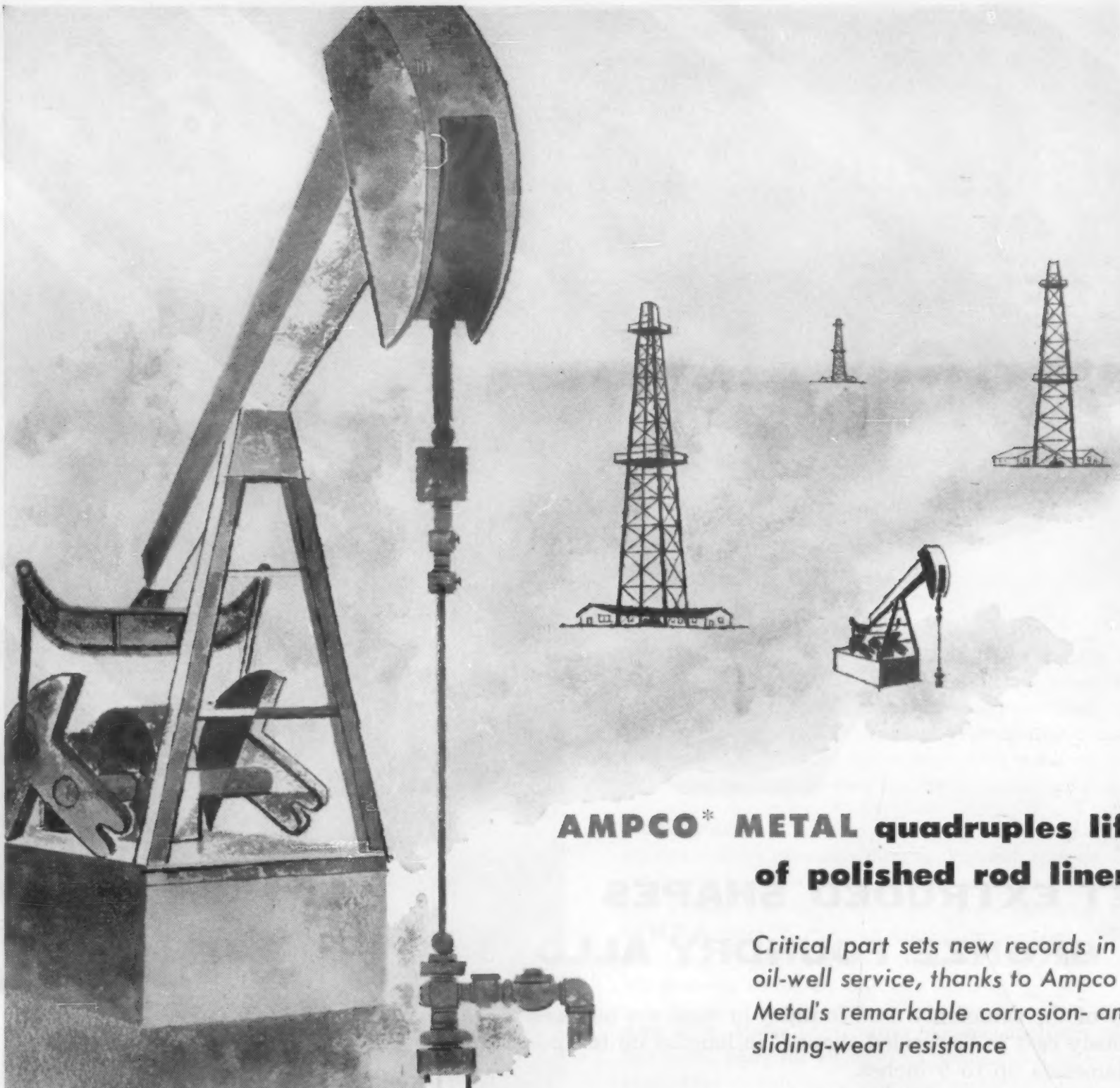

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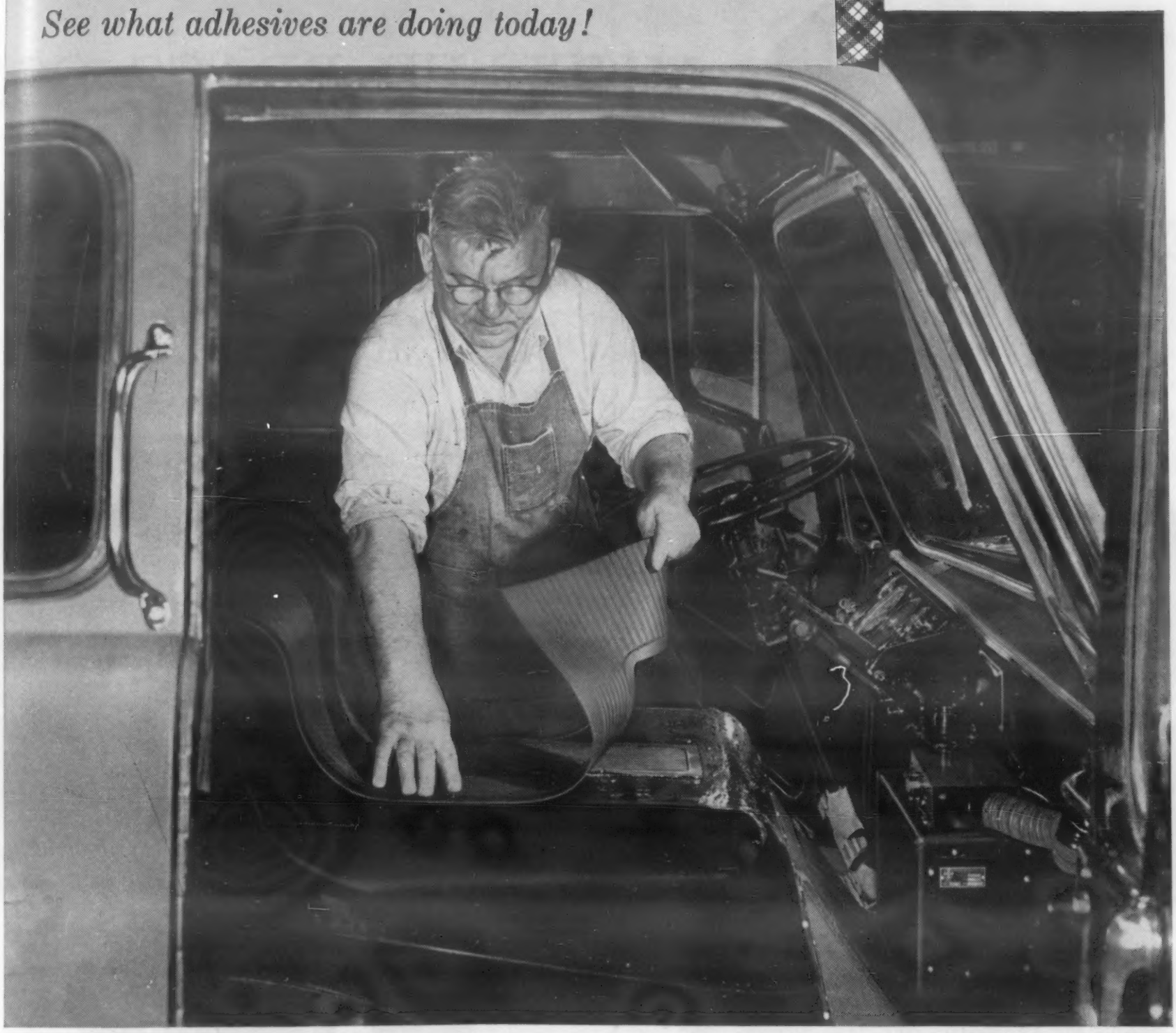

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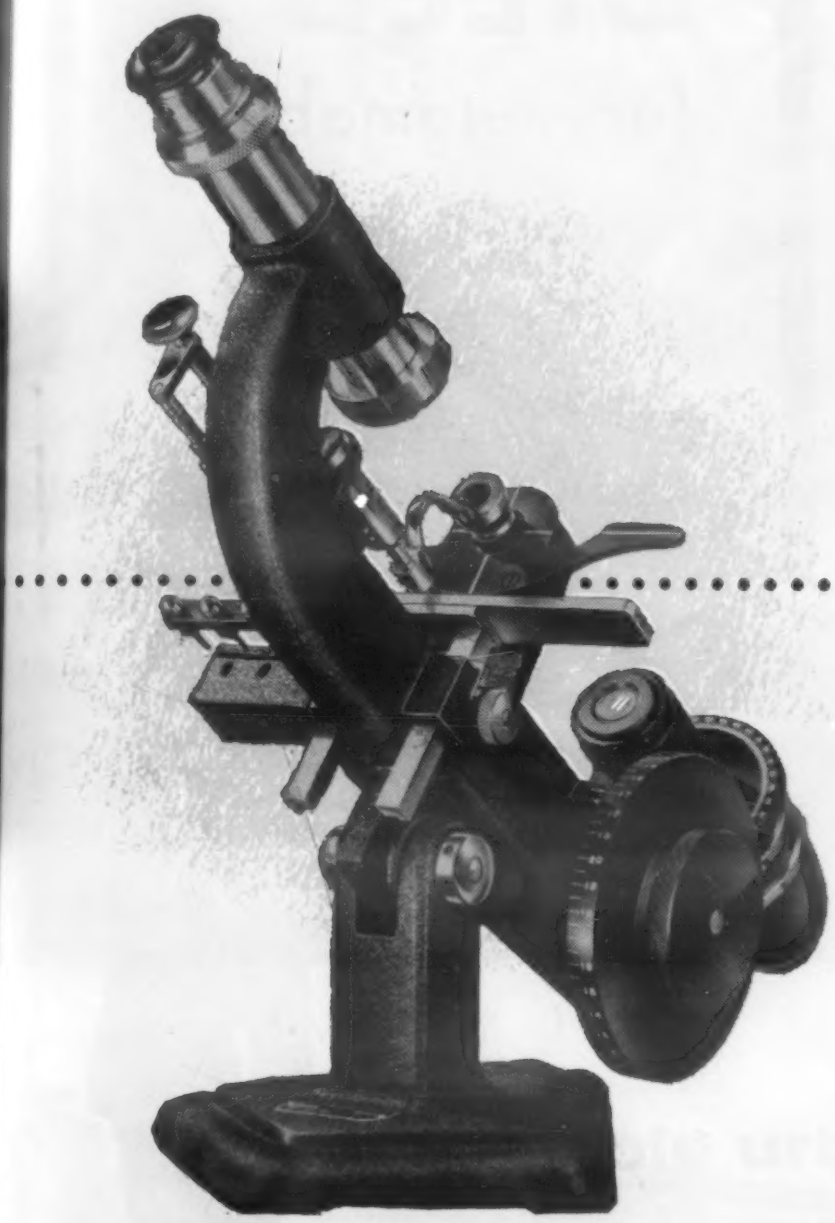

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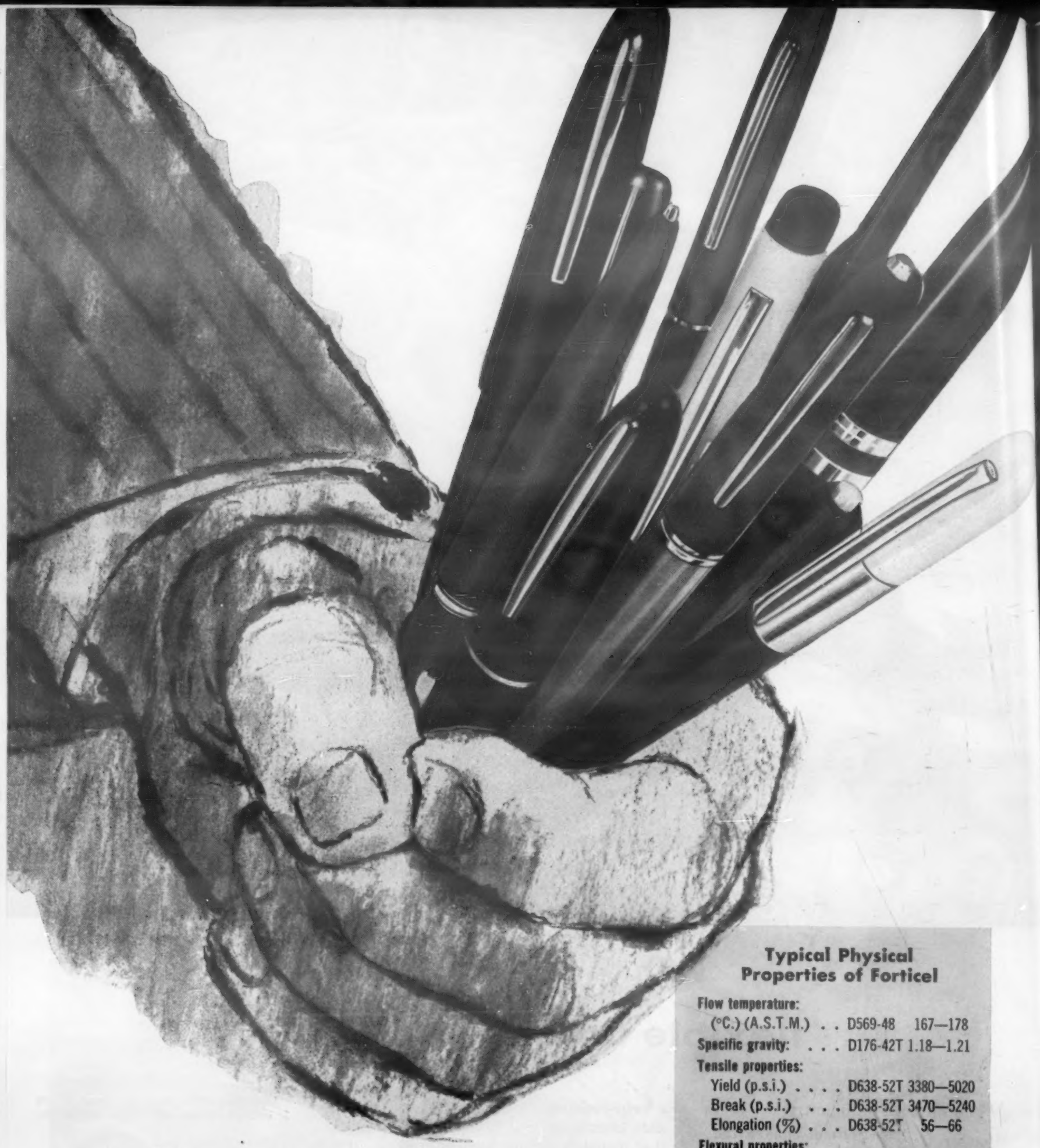

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(R scale)	D785-51	62—94
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(ft. lb./in. notch) . .	D256-43T	2.7—11.0
Heat distortion:		
(°C.).	D648-45T	59—70
Water absorption:		
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% Moisture gain . .	D570-42	1.5—1.8
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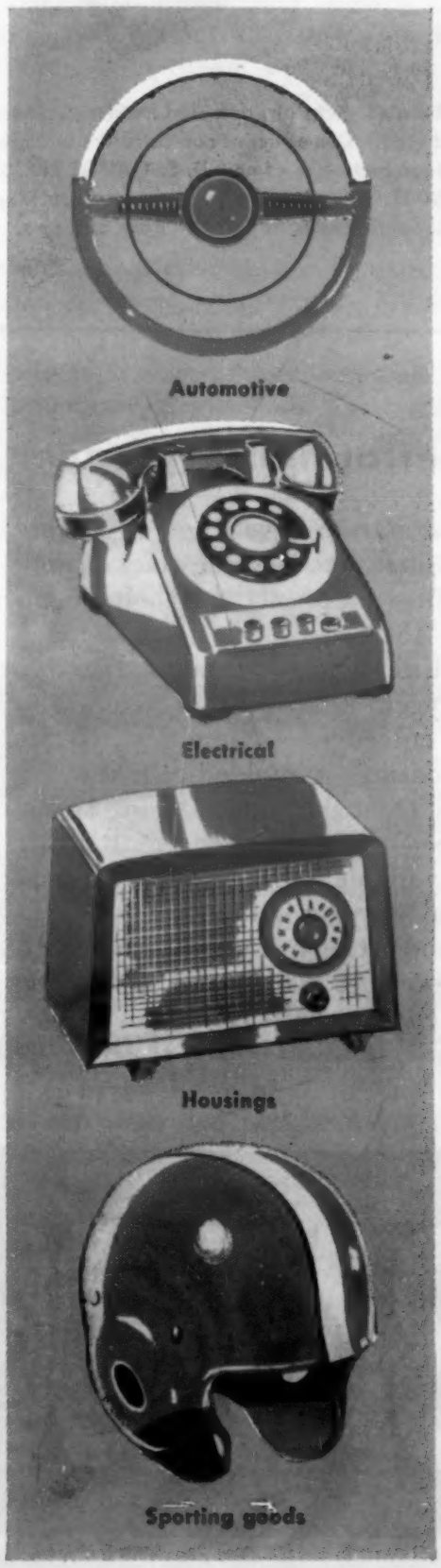

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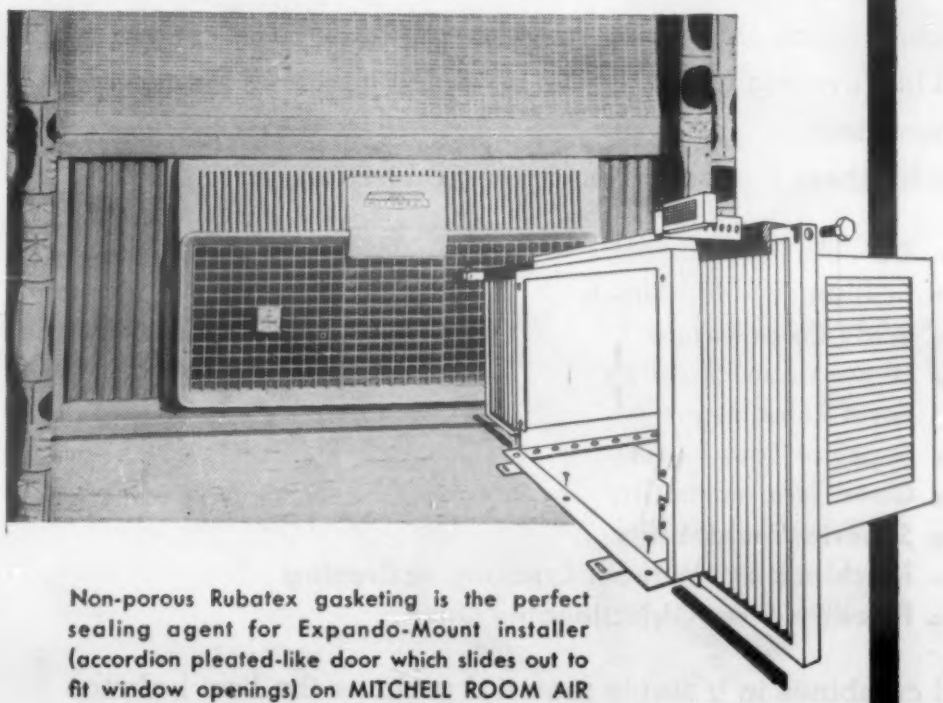

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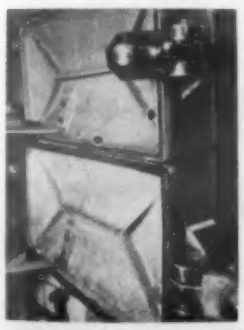
3 Year Test Proves Superiority Of Silastic Gaskets On Steam Cookers

Despite prolonged exposure to steam and pressure, Silastic*, Dow Corning's silicone rubber, keeps its shape, remains resilient, maintains an efficient seal. That's why the Cleveland Range Co. uses gaskets made from Silastic for sealing the doors of its well-known line of Steam-Chef Steam Cookers.

The change from organic rubber to Silastic was made after a three year field test program which proved the superiority of silicone rubber gaskets. Molded by the Ohio Rubber Co., these test gaskets were installed on Cleveland Range units in commercial and institutional kitchens throughout the midwest.

Restaurant managers were surprised to see at the end of six months, the average life of organic rubber gaskets, that the Silastic gaskets still looked as good and sealed as efficiently as when new. Time and rugged service apparently had little or no effect on the silicone rubber gaskets. Particularly impressive was the fact that Silastic did not absorb food oils or impart off-flavor taste to foods during cooking.



This photograph of a Steam-Chef Cooker in the Mill Restaurant, Cleveland, Ohio, shows the type of evidence compiled during this test. The

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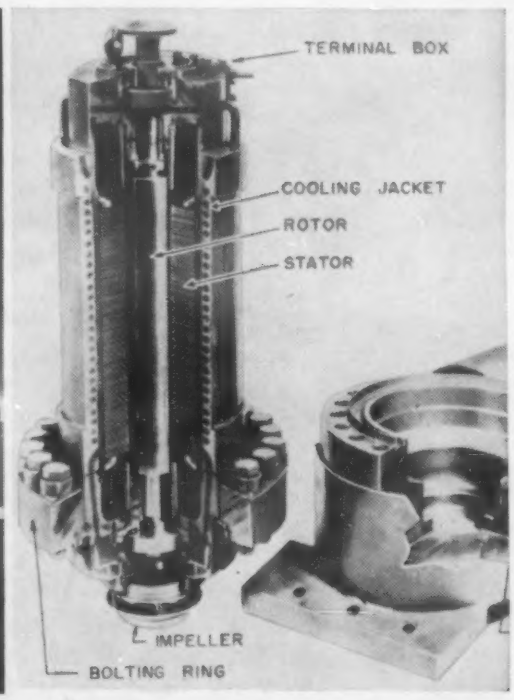

CANNED MOTOR-PUMP HANDLES RADIOACTIVE LIQUID COOLANTS

Utilizing the thermal stability of electrical insulation made with Dow Corning silicones, Westinghouse designers have developed a canned motor-pump that answers the Atomic Energy Commission's need for a way to circulate radio-active liquid coolants at temperatures up to 650 F in hermetically sealed hydraulic systems.

Used in the primary coolant system of nuclear reactors, both the pump impeller and its electric drive motor are encased in a single pressure-tight vessel. The hot, radioactive fluid circulates around the bearings, rotor and stator of the silicone insulated drive motor.

Stainless steel jacketing protects the ends and outside diameter of the stator windings. A thin, leak-tight, nickel-alloy cylinder or "can" lines the inner bore of the stator. The outer surface of the rotor is similarly canned.

Silicone-insulated canned motor-pumps of this design are now available in capacities

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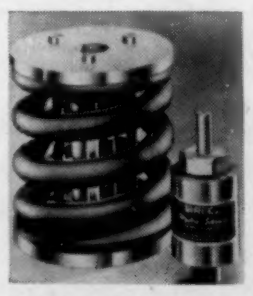
Liquid Springs Use Silicone Fluid For Greater Efficiency

With compressibility of 9 to 10% at 20,000 psi compared to 6 or 6½% for mineral base oils, silicone fluids are specified by designers at Wales Strippit Corporation as the compressible media for their entire line of liquid filled "Hydra Springs."

Thermal stability and remarkably flat viscosity temperature slopes were also important considerations which led to the use of Dow Corning silicone fluids in these precision hydraulic devices. Most Hydra Springs employ Dow Corning 200 Fluid. A few, requiring special springing characteristics, utilize other Dow Corning silicone fluids.

Providing forces 3 to 6 times greater than coil springs of equal size, Hydra Springs have proved highly efficient and successful in metal working, dies, perforating equipment, testing equipment, ordnance devices, specialized machinery. *No. 268*



Liquid spring at right delivers same amount of force as the large cumbersome metal coil spring.

CLASS H MOTOR STILL ON TEST AFTER 56,715 HOURS AT 240 C

At 10 A.M., June 6, 1946, a Class H insulated 5 hp motor was generator loaded to operate at its test temperature of 240 C in Dow Corning's motor test labs. Every 500 hours since it has been shut down and exposed to 100% relative humidity for 24 hours. As of 11 A.M. May 1, 1956, this motor was still on test after 56,715 hours at an average copper temperature of 240 C! That's equivalent to 344 years operation at the Class H temperature of 180 C.

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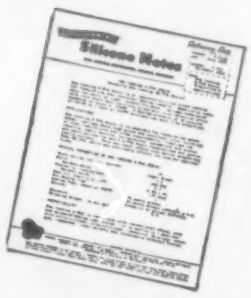


Dow Corning Z-4141, an easily applied silicone treatment for glass surfaces, imparts a high degree of scratch resistance and reduces breakage. Effective at low concentrations on bottles and containers, light bulbs and tubing, camera lenses, and artware. *No. 273*

"Potting Gives Maximum Reliability", an article from ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, describes the method of encapsulating a new series of electronic devices developed by the Naval Ordnance laboratory. Using silicones helps to provide the utmost protection against mechanical and thermal shock, vibration, and humidity. *No. 274*

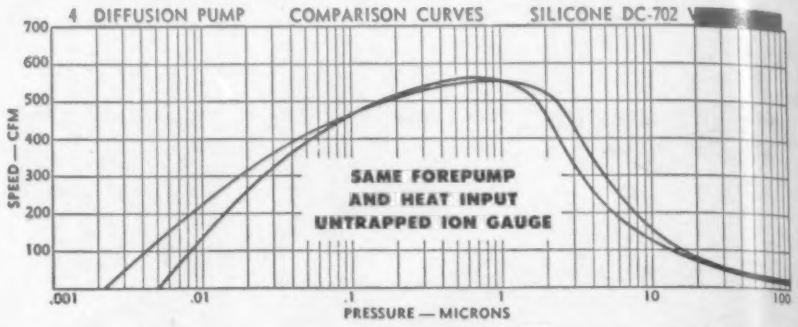
Now available—1956 Reference Guide to Dow Corning Silicone Products. A concise, comprehensive, 12-page reference that is convenient-to-use. It's packed with data, properties, and information on how you can use silicones in designing new equipment, improving performance and reliability of original equipment, or reducing production and maintenance costs. *No. 275*

Silicone-Glass Laminates for electrical and mechanical applications are described in new brochure which illustrates parts used in typical industrial applications. Also lists engineering information on properties of silicone-glass laminates and lists fabricators of such laminates. *No. 276*

Dow Corning 510 Fluids are unsurpassed as damping media for instruments and other devices required to give uniform performance from —70 to over 400 F. Excellent dielectric properties plus relatively constant viscosities make these silicone fluids particularly adaptable to electrical and electronic equipment. *No. 277*

Documentary film "What's a Silicone?" available free of charge for showings to technical audiences in every industry. In full color and sound, this dramatic 16mm film allows you to see Dow Corning silicones in action improving the performance of products ranging from nursing bottle nipples to diesel locomotives. For more information about this educational film and how to arrange a showing for interested persons in your plant, circle ..... *No. 278*

Speed And Range Of Vacuum Pump Increased With Silicone Fluid



A series of tests conducted by the F. J. Stokes Machine Company, Philadelphia, world's largest producer of high vacuum equipment, prove that Dow Corning 702 Diffusion Pump Fluid helps to attain higher vacuum in less time than possible with organic fluids.

As indicated by the curve, the silicone fluid provides faster evacuation in the 1 to 10 micron range and at the same time assures lower ultimate pressures in the range between .01 and .001 microns.

The tests were performed in connection with development of Stokes' new line of Ring-Jet Diffusion Pump Series 160, and Ring-Jet Booster Pumps Series 150. Remarkably effective for rapid-cycle work, these pumps are available in 5 sizes from 4 to 16 inches.

The test results, since confirmed by experience in other Ring-Jet Pump models, have led Stokes to advise its representatives "since the organic fluid is almost the same in price as the silicone, the silicone fluid (Dow Corning 702) would be preferable, especially considering that it will not oxidize when subjected to the atmosphere at high temperatures." *No. 271*

Silastic Impregnated Sleeving Insulates Lead Wire in Strip Heater

Braided glass sleeving impregnated with Silastic, Dow Corning's silicone rubber, retains excellent flexibility and insulating effectiveness at temperatures that cause rapid failure of organic electrical insulating materials. The advantages of such sleeving are demonstrated in the small strip heaters manufactured by Watlow Electric Co., of St. Louis.

Not much larger than elbow spaghetti, these efficient 175 watt heating units are used by aircraft builders and other metal working companies to heat aluminum during dimpling or countersinking to provide flush mounting of rivets. Most aluminum alloys cannot be formed cold without setting up stresses.

Slipped over the dimpling die-tips, the heaters produce temperatures of 500 F and higher. The lead wires flex continually with movements of the die. To protect the lead wire with a high dielectric strength material that retains good flexibility at high temperatures, Watlow uses Turbo 117, a Silastic impregnated sleeving fabricated by The William Brand Co. Watlow reports silicone insulated sleeving has substantially reduced lead wire failures. *No. 272*

MOTOR-PUMP *(continued)*

from 5 to 17,000 gpm. They can handle high temperature liquids at system pressures up to 2500 psi.

According to Westinghouse, these pumps are also used in steam systems where controlled or forced circulation is required, and in certain process applications of the chemical and petroleum industries. Special canned motor-pumps are even available for pumping molten metal at temperatures as high as 1000 F. *No. 269*

COOKER GASKET *(continued)*

organic rubber gasket on lower door, hardened and flattened by heat and pressure, has completely lost its sealing efficiency. The narrow Silastic gasket on the top door is as effective as new after the same length of service. *No. 270*

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Brass—Gleaming brass coated strip from Thomas offers manufacturers electrolytically pre-coated steel with a finish that can be oxidized readily to a variety of shades. Subsequent lacquering gives an attractive and permanent final product finish. Here is steel's strength and economy with the advantages of brass. It protects parts-in-process against corrosion and lends itself readily to production of small stampings, drawn parts, tubing and roll-formed sections. Available in natural, planished and buffed finishes in a variety of widths, tempers and gages.

Pattern Design Strip—"Thomas Strip is the only company that can supply our requirements for Pattern Design plated strip," says an official of Milwaukee's M. A. Gerett Corp., world's largest manufacturer of fine coin banks like those shown above in assembly. Thomas' lacquered copper, brass and nickel coated strip cut M. A. Gerett's rejection rate 7 percent. Piece buffing at Gerett was eliminated through adoption of Thomas' Pattern Design Strip. Die life increased, too, because the strip's coating acts as a lubricant during the forming operation. yet doesn't crack.

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Manufacturers using Thomas Strip—pre-coated with zinc, copper, brass, nickel, tin or lacquer—are piling up big dollar savings.

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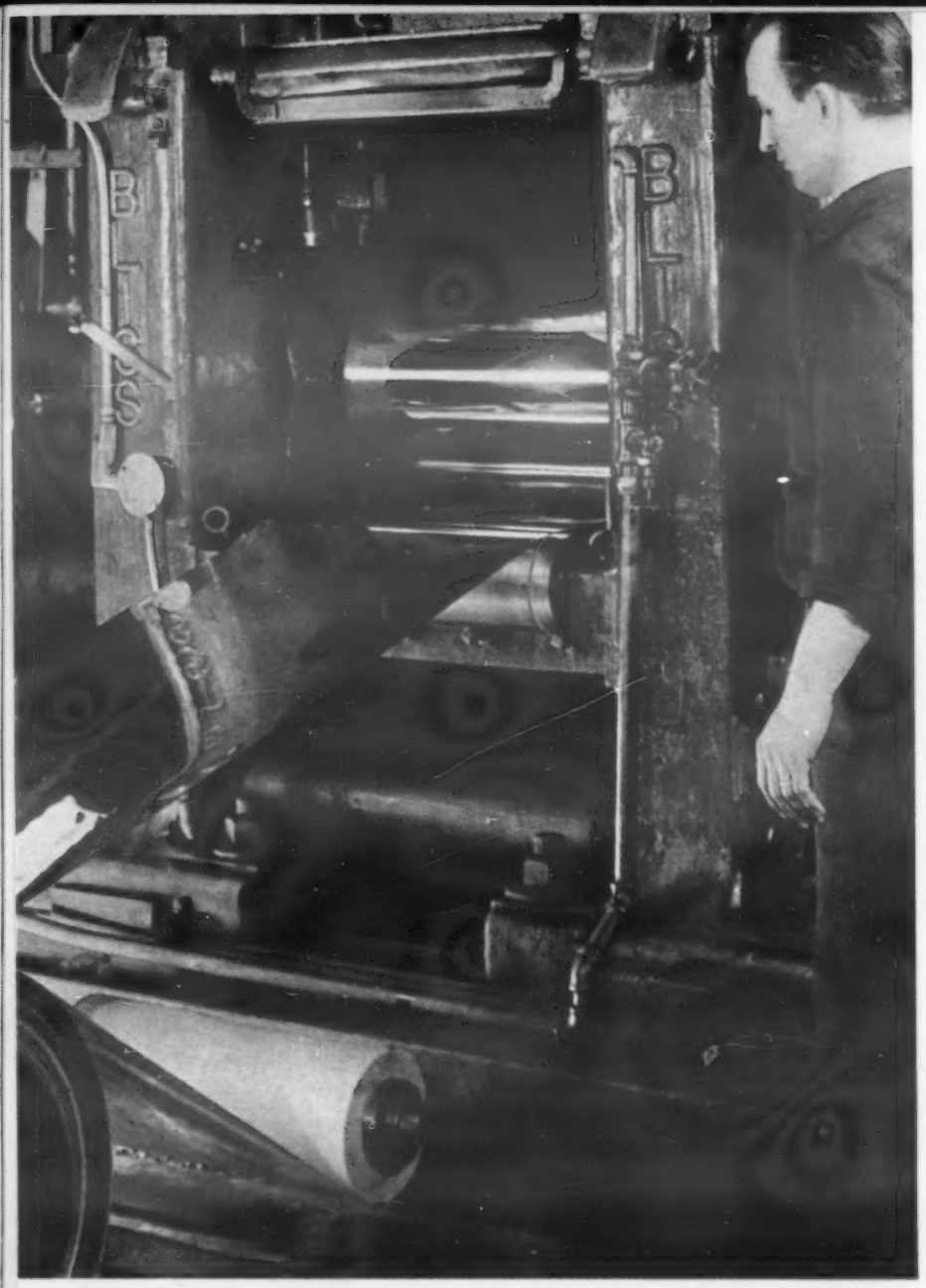
Thomas Strip has long been recognized for precision rolling to extremely close tolerances in gages down to .004 inch and up to 22 inches in width. Tempers include 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, or special tempers as required. You can get Thomas Strip in oscillated or ribbon-wound coils or in cut lengths. A choice of edges is available to meet your exact specifications.

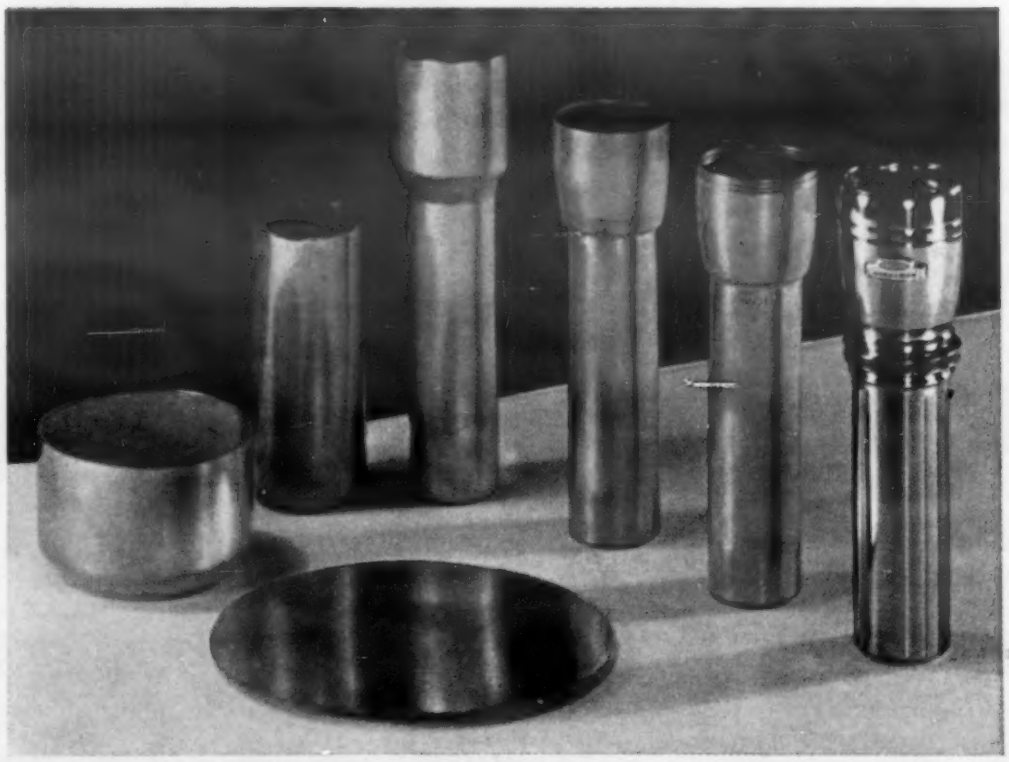
Don't overlook the possibilities of Pattern Designed rolled strip which Thomas produces in an almost unlimited variety of patterns in coated and uncoated finishes. Turn the page to see how other manufacturers are cutting costs with Thomas Strip products.



Nickel Coated Strip—Loose Leaf Metals Co. of St. Louis is one of the largest manufacturers of metal hardware for binders and loose leaf books. Photograph shows production of a metal part for a first grade ring metal. President George A. Ober says: "We have never experienced a flaky surface on a Thomas product. We've come to know Thomas will not ship until its product is right, therefore, we have never had to reject their materials." Thomas is a major supplier of cold rolled nickel, copper, tin, zinc and lacquer coated steel.

Plain Steel—Bright uncoated steel strip in low carbon, alloy and spring steel grades, has uniformity of temper, gage and finish. Above, plain cold rolled steel passes through a temper mill at the Thomas Strip plant. In addition to high finishes, Thomas Strip is available in dull and regular finishes, in coils or cut lengths—in a choice of edges—and a range of specifications.

Here's Why You Cut Costs With Thomas Strip



Copper Coated Strip—Here's the evolution of a Ray-O-Vac flashlight—from electroplated copper strip, produced by Thomas Strip, to the finished product. Blake Manufacturing Division of Ray-O-Vac Company at Clinton, Mass., changed from brass to steel for this and other flashlight cases. Production savings from 17 to 29 percent resulted. Ray-O-Vac uses a .020 gage, non-scalloping, deep drawing quality strip steel produced by special processing techniques. The steel is electro-copper coated on both sides, and is 6 9/16 inches wide. On three popular models alone, the savings amounted to more than $100,000 in one year.

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Zinc—Long "strips" of Thomas zinc-coated steel hold the vegetable fiber in Fuller Brush Co.'s power-driven brushes shown above. In foreground is an industrial brush used to process plywood. The brush in the background is for an automobile washing machine. Although zinc-coated steel undergoes a severe deformation in forming machines, this Thomas product takes the punishment easily. The heavy, uniform coating of zinc remains undamaged, giving the brushes long life.

Tin Coated Strip—International Register Co. of Chicago, producer of electrical timing devices, made approximately a 20 percent saving when it switched to Thomas pre-coated strip. Tin coated strip, like that above, provides corrosion resistance to dials, gear case covers and other timer parts. Above, Ray Gabriel, International's Steel Buyer, shows Pittsburgh Steel representative Buck Mills a completed Intermatic Time-All appliance timer.

Lacquered Strip—"Nothing works as well on our machines as lacquered steel strip from Thomas," declares Max Haas, plant manager for Hinton Associates, Inc., of Staten Island, N. Y., manufacturer of Happiness Bird Cages. Hinton Associates processes blue or pink lacquered strip in the machine shown above to form a border for seed guards on its cages. Mr. Haas said: "We like Thomas lacquered strip because it doesn't break in forming machines or power presses. The zinc backing on the strip permits the rolls to get a good grip when the metal passes through our machines."

High Carbon—Thomas Strip's high carbon strip gets a tough test in the Toledo, Ohio, plant of Prestole Corp., manufacturers of steel fasteners. Prestole bends, twists, shears, punches and forms Thomas Strip's high carbon strip, as in the operation above. It has to have steel that's free of excessive burring, gives the finished fasteners the right springback and proper tension. Each coil must be uniform in chemical and physical specifications. "We've never had a complaint yet about Thomas quality," says Roy Gutzmer, plant manager.

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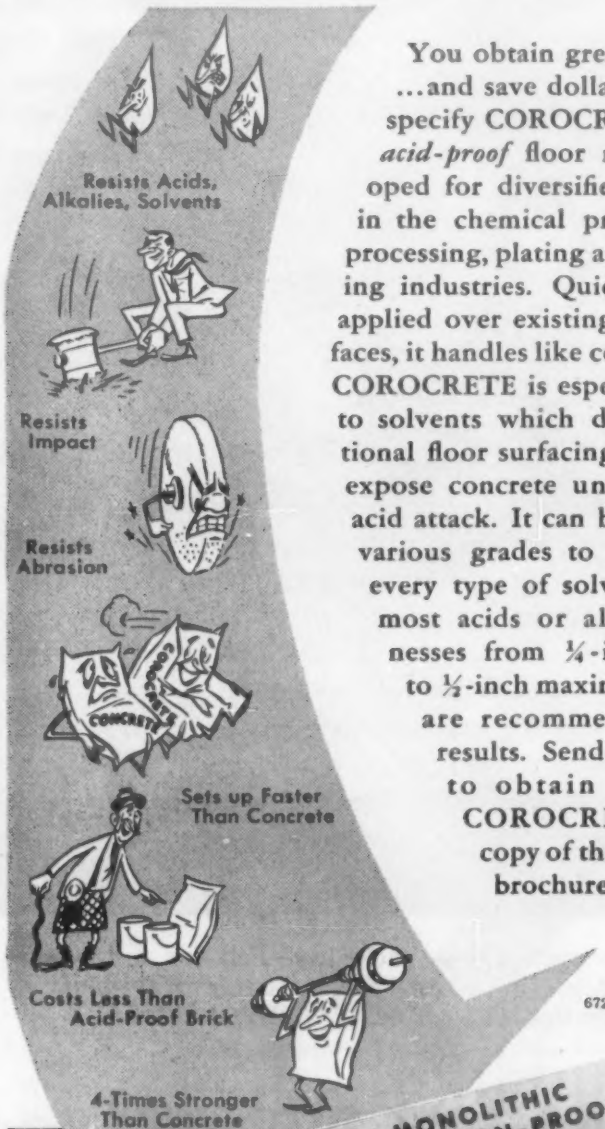

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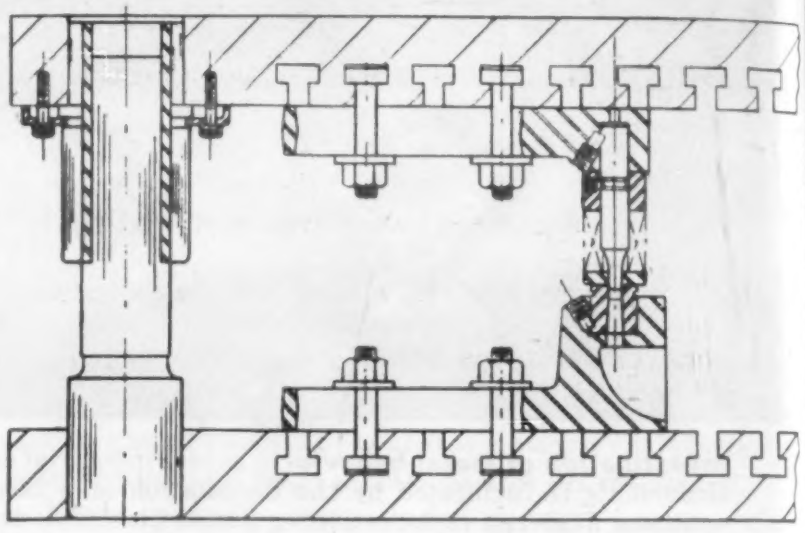
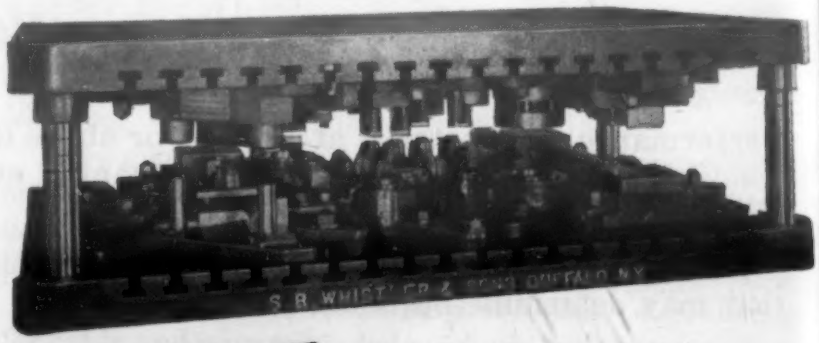
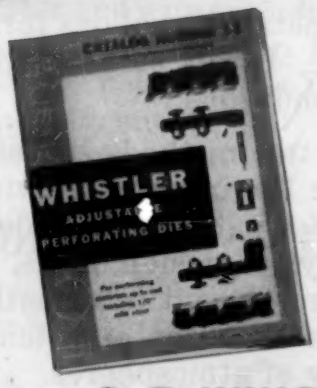


Above: Sectional drawing of a Whistler adjustable punch and die unit assembled in T-slot die set. **Below:** A completely assembled Whistler adjustable die ready for the press.





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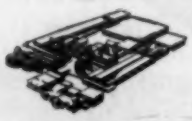

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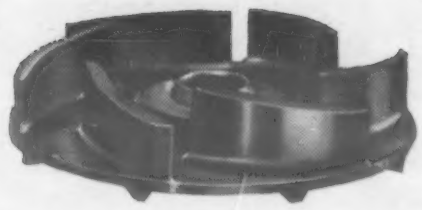

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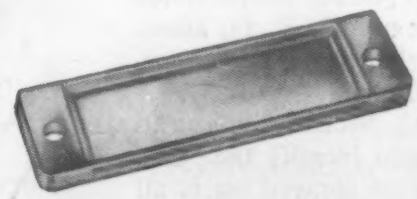

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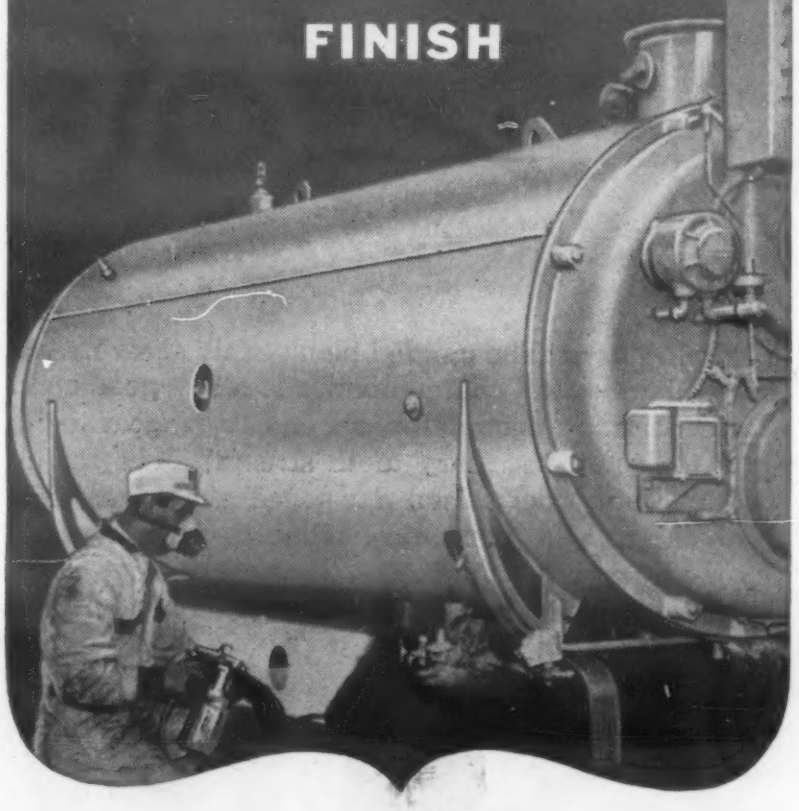

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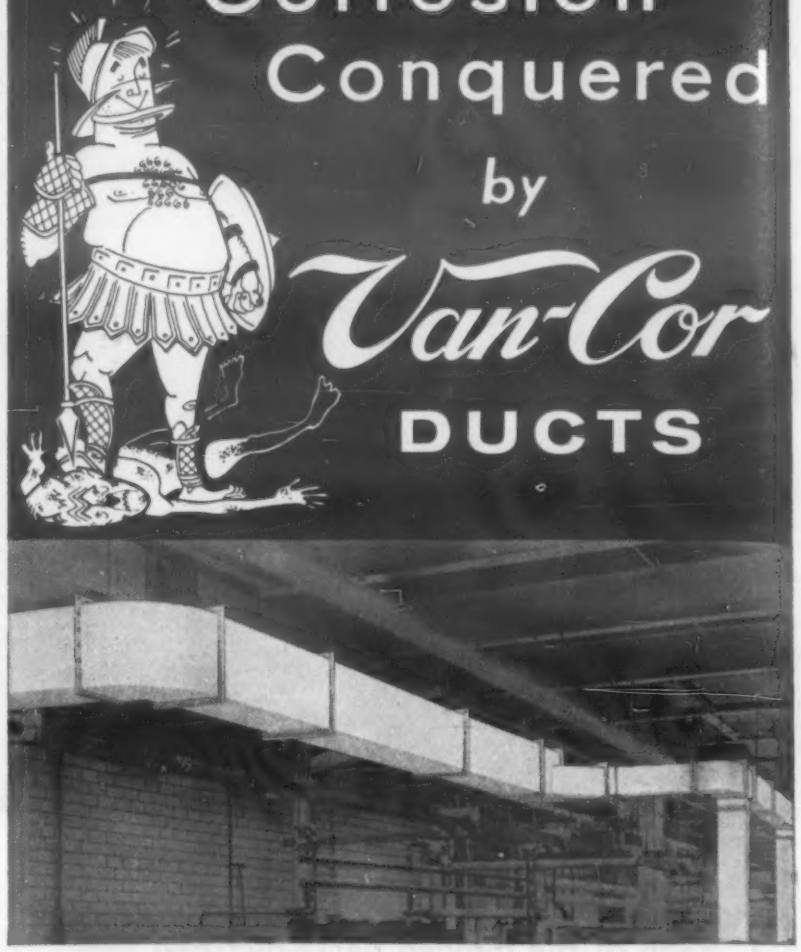

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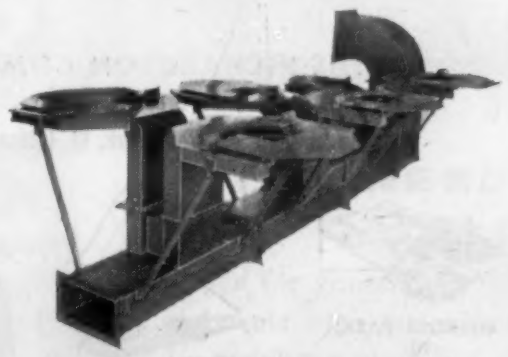

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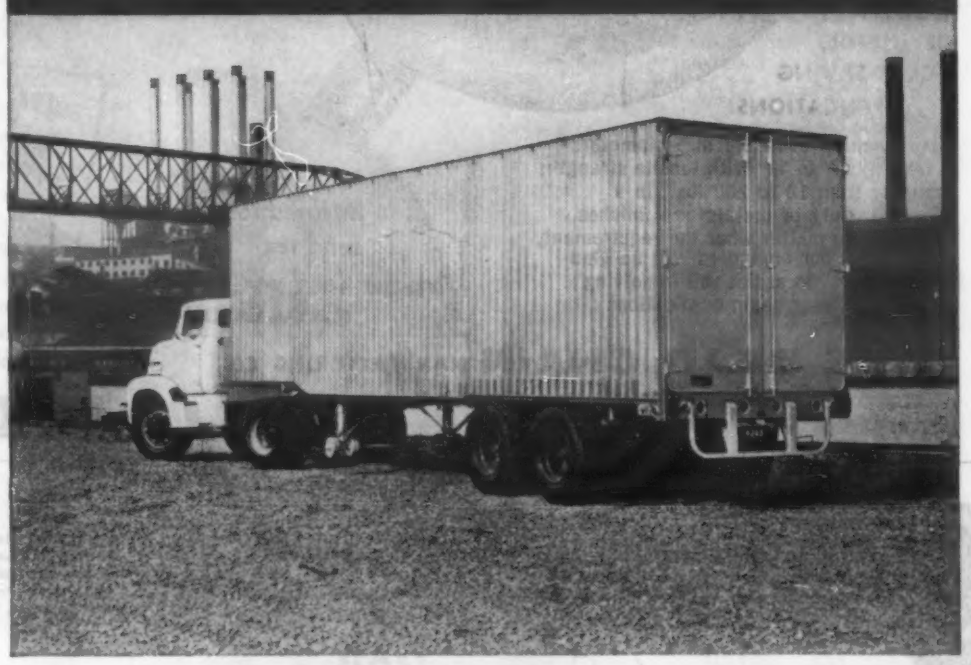

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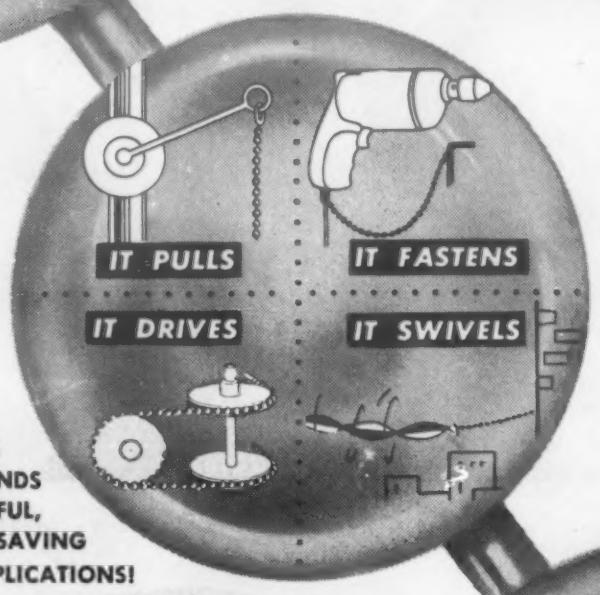

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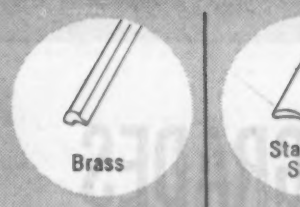

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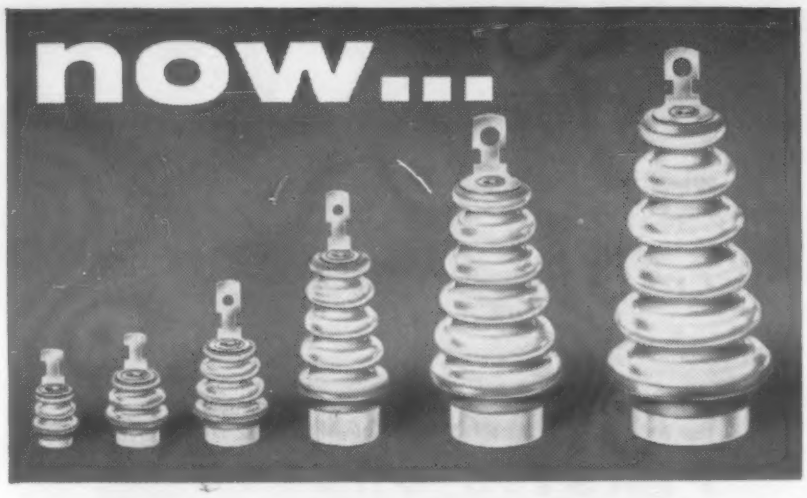

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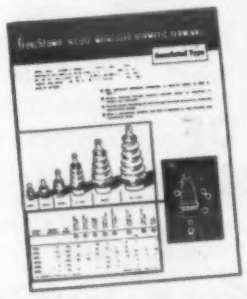

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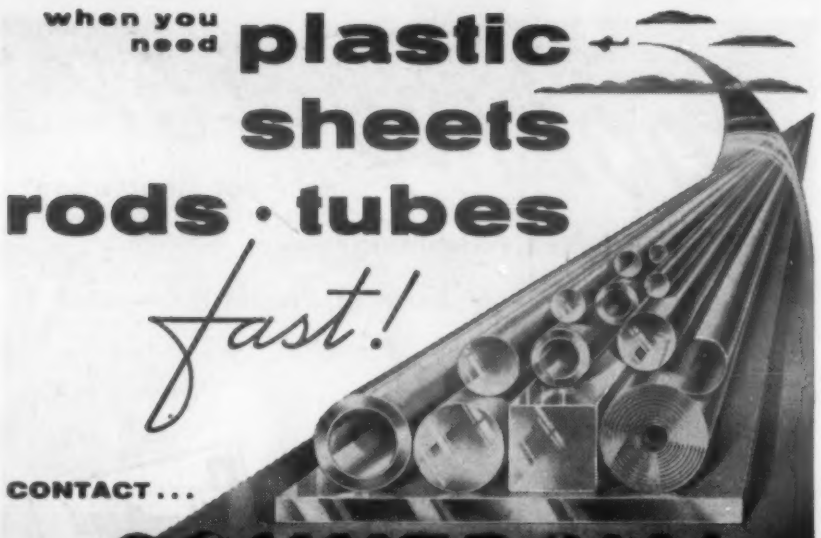

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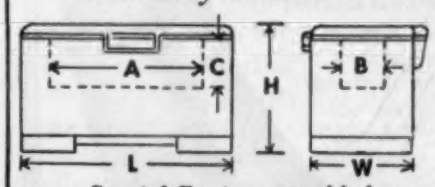

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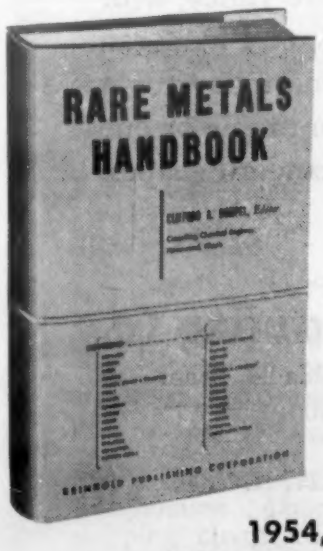

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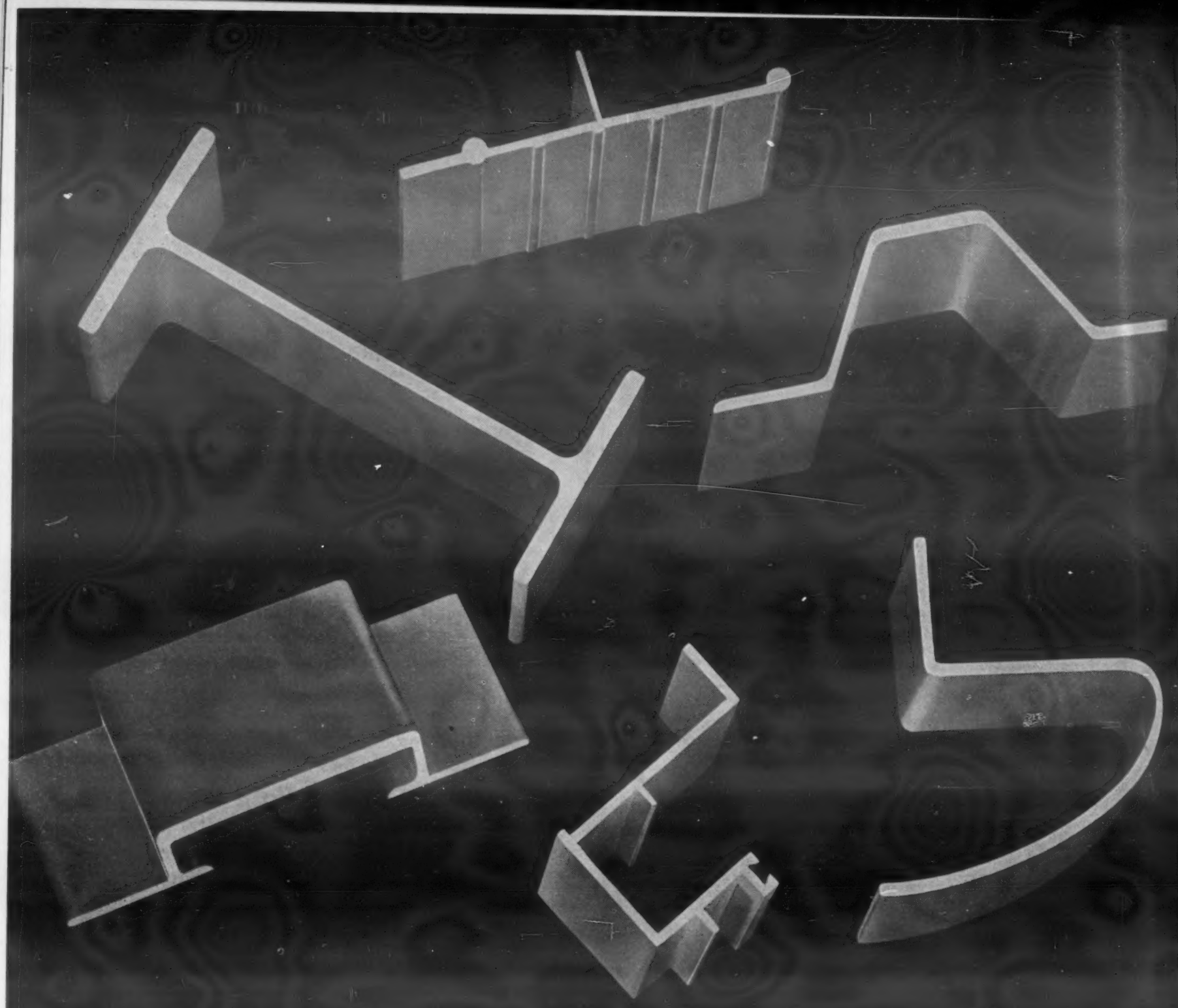

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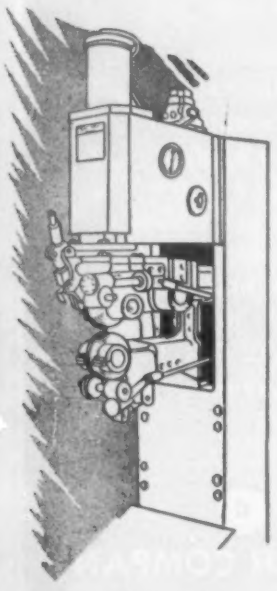

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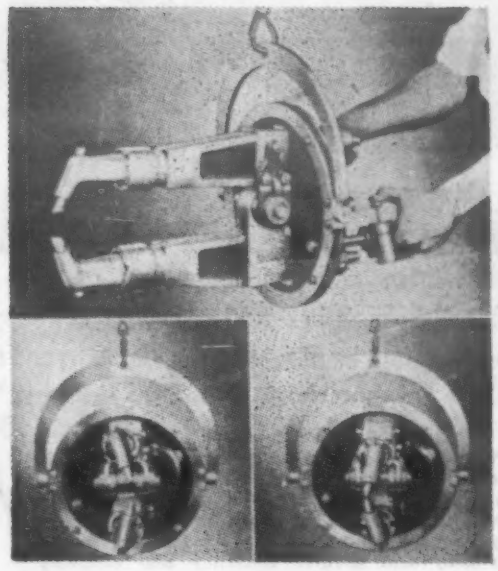

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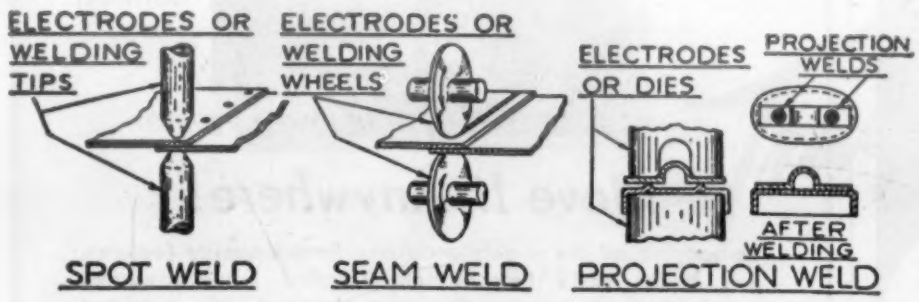

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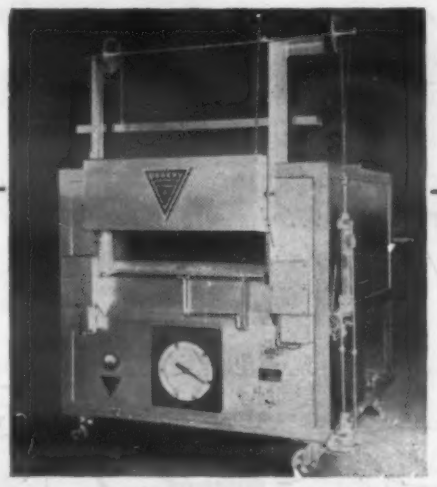

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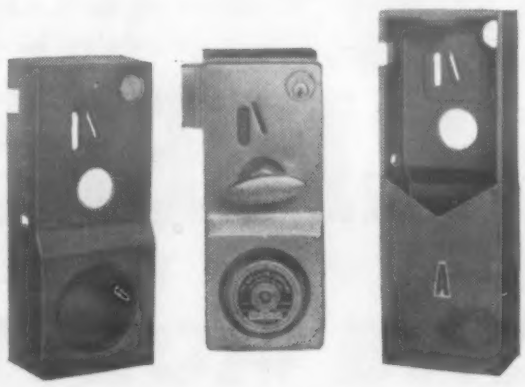

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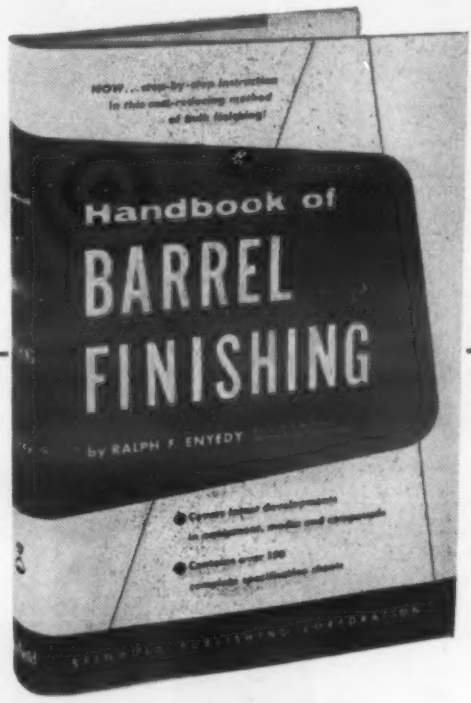

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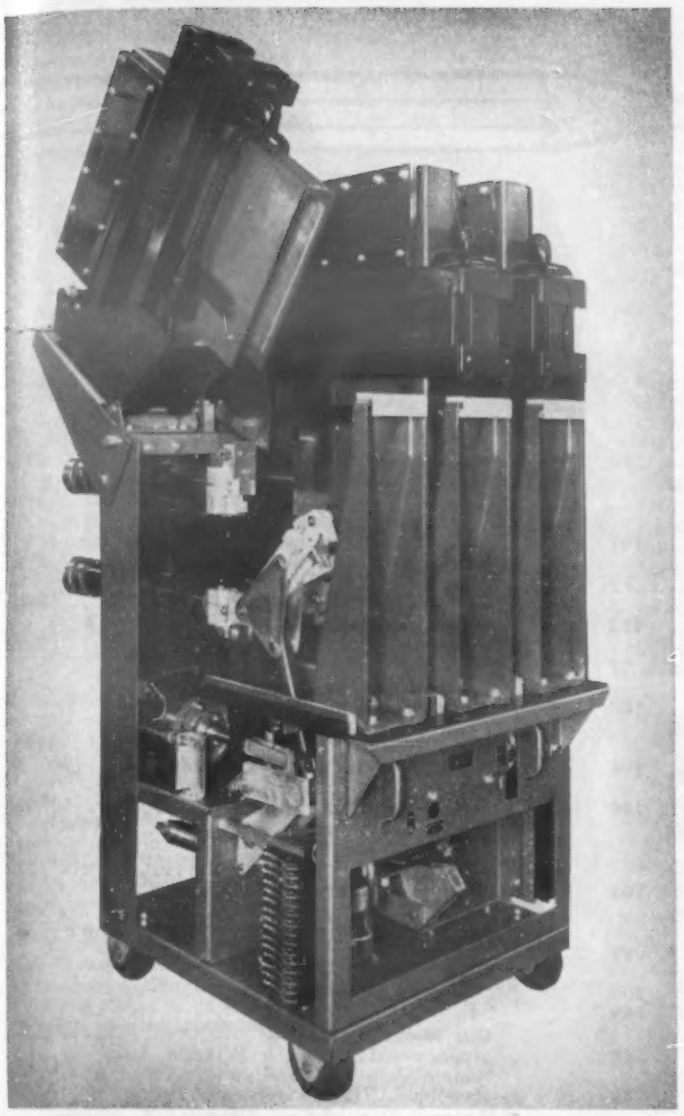

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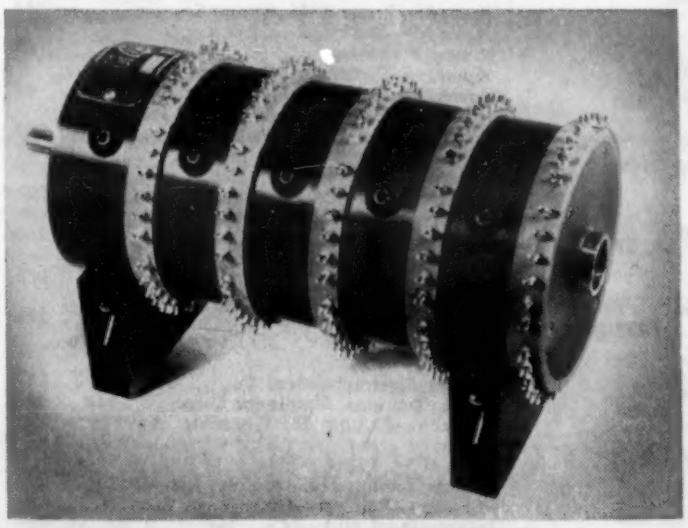

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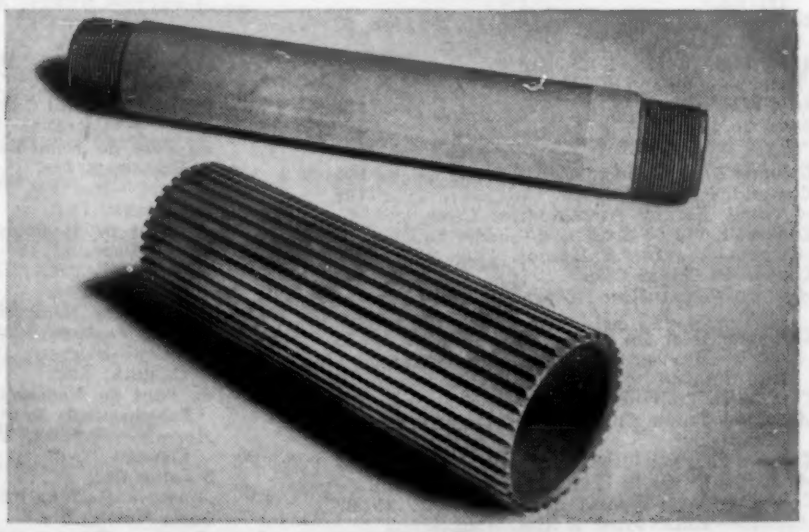

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In addition to quantity, there was quality. Most of the sessions held a full audience to the end, and informal discussions with the authors continued on the platform long after the meetings were adjourned. Another indication of the quality of the affair was the caliber of personnel manning the exposition booths. They were by and large technical men who knew their products and could answer directly the questions put to them by the engineers and designers attending the show.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Design Engineering Show and Conference will continue to grow and that it will do a great deal to unify and strengthen the design engineering profession.

Come See Us

When you attend the Plastics Show this month in New York (see p 17), be sure to pay us a visit at our booth (No. 437). The picture gives you an example of what you'll see. I don't want to mislead you, though. The blonde will not be there, but the plastics pressure vessel at which she is smiling will be. You will also see on display samples of other materials and products we have been talking about in M&M articles recently—foam plastics; rigid heat resistant polyethylenes; new thermoplastic sheet materials; and various coatings and finishes for plastics.

Moonlight and No Plastics

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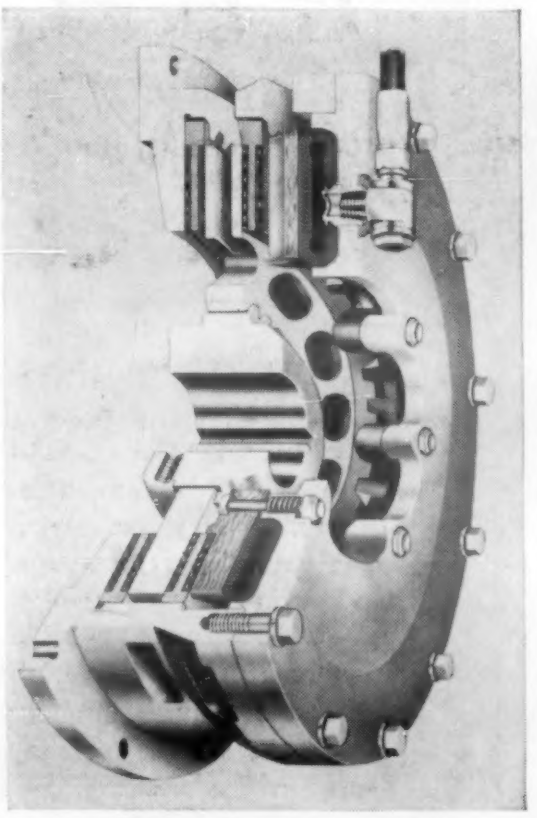

SECTIONAL VIEW of brake element, with Neoprene air tube in red

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